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EDITORIALS.

We extend greetings and a cordial welcome to our new president, Miss Barbara Williams, who took up her duties at the February meeting.

We wish to assure her of our desire to co-operate with her and help her in every way.

The Graduating Exercises

Friday, February 8, 1935.

While the vanguard of several hundred alumnae and guests continued to enter the Moseley Memorial Building the sixty-first class assembled itself in the long corridors adjoining. The notes of the quartet rang through the corridors, the audience and the occupants of the speakers' stand stood as the procession was ushered to their seats—seniors, intermediates, juniors, preliminary students, supervisors, instructors, head nurses with Miss McCrae; all were seated.

Mrs. Robert Homans, Chairman of the Advisory Committee, presided. As she made her opening remarks, one thought of the many changes that had taken place in the Advisory Committee, also The Massachusetts General Hospital and Training School during the year. Yet nothing was said that would mar the happiness of this occasion.

The School Glee Club interpreted the "Dance Song" from William Tell and "God of All Nature" Tschaiowsky with expression and finish. A nurse was at the piano—a nurse their director.

The address by Miriam Van Waters, Ph.D., stressed the nurse as a leader in the community in preventing misery and sickness and as having the preparation to cope with the changing condition of our times.

Mrs. Homans in a short but pertinent talk to the seniors said, "don't be cloistered women, let your private interests expand for civic and national betterment."

As to Miss Johnson's address you have the advantage of reading it—and what a report it was! Think of Miss Johnson standing before the audience, paper in hand, speaking clearly and earnestly. One felt here is a woman who could initiate and bring about great improvements for our school and hospital. She symbolized the quality of "stability" she gave as a heritage to the class.

Mrs. Homans read the seventy-five names of the class of 1935; the senior students responded by standing.

All bore up very well until the singing of the M.G.H. Song when a curious emotional feeling went through every alumna.

Following the exercises the reception line formed in the corridor. Miss Sally Johnson, Miss Annabella McCrae, Mrs. Robert Homans and other members of the Advisory Committee, and the Acting-Superintendent of the Hospital, Dr. Baker with Mrs. Baker, greeted the guests.

Personal greetings and best wishes were extended to the members of the graduating class; they were escorted off to dance—the old graduates chatted with each other and had refreshments.

An Alumna Looks On

As an Alumna looked at this graduating class who would leave their Alma Mater very soon, she thought, I also have had the happiness of the effort and achievement of this group and came to this period—only a little differently.

Today the graduate goes from the hospital to a world of social and political instability, a time of rearrangement of thought, purpose and of education, but a bigger and more thoughtful world.

Many leave the hospital with a certain reluctance. What to do next is a query. After the hospital, life is to be lived, and the nurse asks herself, am I ready to live it, am I properly prepared to do this great work that I am expected to perform? Miss Johnson gives me a principle—stability—to help to live it wisely and dependably. The speakers of this evening tell of the great need for someone to cope with this and that. Am I that one?

We, the Alumnae, of the Massachusetts General Hospital, have faith in you and we bid you go forth and in the midst of the tumult going on around you, listen to the voice of wisdom which dawns in thought and remember that material things do not bring happiness or satisfaction, and are of little use toward making men and women creative and powerful.

Historical

THE NEW DIPLOMA.

It was first presented with the class of 1934. It is about seventy-five inches with a soft dark blue leather folder artistically lined with gold moire silk. Inside the flat folder the certificates received by affiliations and the diploma all lay flat. Just another change with the changing times.

We greatly appreciate the kindness and the willingness of the busy Alumnae who have contributed the fine articles.

If you have to.—When Michelangelow was ordered to decorate the walls of the Sistine Chapel he refused. He had never done any work of that kind and said he could not do it. But he was told that he would have to, that his refusal would not be accepted. So, when he found that there was no getting out of it without unpleasant consequences, he mixed his colors and went at it. The result was the finest painting ever done.

There are few who realize what possibilities are locked up within them until some necessity compels them to attempt something they have always considered impossible. Even those who think they have least to contribute to the comfort and benefit of others would be surprised if they could get a glimpse of their hidden resources.—*Youth's World*

Annual Report of the School - Graduation

February 8, 1935

The graduation exercises of this school of nursing have two major purposes. The primary purpose is to bring together a number of interested persons who wish, by their presence, to pay tribute to a group of young women who are nearing the end of an exacting preparation for an exacting service. The secondary purpose is to create an occasion for the gathering of the alumnae.

The reunion feature of the graduation is the chief reason why it is customary for the principal to give an annual report of the school. But another reason is that most lay persons know far too little about nursing, and these graduations give us an opportunity to tell lay persons about our schools. Perhaps you think we have taken undue advantage of you, but I am of the opinion that this may not be the first time you have had to be caught before you could be taught.

That you may be at once oriented let me say that the Massachusetts General Hospital is comprised of four main divisions: the General Hospital where the patients are in a position to pay a small sum or perhaps none at all, the Baker Memorial for people of moderate means, the Phillips House which is the pavilion for private patients, and the Out-Patient Department. The total bed capacity is seven hundred and twenty-seven, and the daily average number of patients that came to the Massachusetts General Hospital Out-Patient Department was last year six hundred and eighty-seven.

The training school for nurses, including the students in uniform and the preliminary students last year averaged two hundred and eighty-nine. The number of graduate nurses in all parts of the institution, including executives, teachers, head nurses, the group in the Phillips House and Baker Memorial, and the floor duty staff in all departments averaged about one hundred and eighty-one.

This report has to do mainly with the school. Therefore, let us first review the changes that have occurred in our student personnel during the year, as it is because of these changes that some of the others have come about. During the summer months the Faulkner Hospital withdrew its students after an affiliation of over twenty-one years duration. That hospital now has sufficient field experience for its students. We congratulate the Faulkner Hospital upon its growth, but we regret the withdrawal of the students who were a very satisfactory member of our group.

Early in the year the McLean Hospital asked the General Hospital to give consideration to the possibility of accepting their men student-nurses for an affiliation of one year. The primary reason for this request was that these men might, upon graduation, become eligible

for registration in New York. After many conferences and much consideration it was decided to accept these students and to discontinue our course for orderlies, or ward tenders, as they were formerly called. In some states such workers are called attendants and receive a state license. Massachusetts does not license attendants. Therefore these graduate men had no legal status in Massachusetts and, as a result, met certain difficulties in obtaining employment. While they have rendered a real service to this institution, it is probably fairer to all concerned to discontinue the course.

The first men-students from McLean, eleven in number, were admitted the first of last October and a second group of nine were admitted February first. Four specific benefits are expected to result from this innovation: an improved curriculum for the men students of the McLean School, the discontinuance of the course for orderlies, monetary adjustments which make possible here an increase in teaching and supervisory personnel, and improved nursing care for the male patients in the General Hospital.

Because of the great need for experience in psychiatric nursing, the number of General Hospital students sent to McLean for three months' affiliation, beginning October first, was increased from four to ten. This was made possible because the McLean men students contributed to the nursing service here and because the number of women students on affiliation from McLean has been slightly increased. Ten other students were also sent to McLean on January first and if the same number goes out there in April, thirty-seven percent of the class will have received experience in the care of the mentally ill. This is a step in the right direction.

While the school census on February first, 1935, was seven more than that of February 1, 1934, the number of students admitted during 1934 was ten percent lower than the number admitted the previous year. One reason for the lower number admitted is the fact that hospitals have been criticised for graduating more nurses than the community can employ. The larger the number of graduate nurses available, the wider is the range of choice for those who seek their services. Therefore it follows that those nurses who are to have the opportunity to practice must be especially well qualified. This means that they must possess not only knowledge of and skill in nursing, but also those qualities which are generally found in young women who have sound mental and physical health, strong character, satisfactory social background, pleasing personality, and a degree of maturity. It was because of a special effort to admit students with as many of these qualifications as possible that the number admitted during 1934 was lowered by ten percent.

The graduate nurse personnel has been somewhat augmented; first, because special funds have made it possible to employ a number

of floor duty graduates in the Research and Neurological-psychiatric Wards; second, because the monetary adjustments previously referred to in relation to the change from the orderly group to the men student-nurse group made it possible to employ an instructor in science and a half-time graduate nurse as office assistant; and third, because there was an exchange of three student nurses from the General Hospital group for three graduate nurses from the Baker Memorial group. Nearly five years ago the appointment of a nurse whose major responsibility was the supervision of residences and non-professional personnel was about to be authorized. The clouds of the economic depression became blacker and lower and the appointment was not made until January of last year. At that time the constant change in the housing situation needed so much planning and the health conservation program became so much more extensive, that the staff could not carry the additional loads.

And now leaving the survey of the personnel, may I lead you around the hospital buildings to view the changed occupancy and the alterations in the physical plant. You will find the third and fourth floors of the Baker Memorial no longer occupied by nurses but by patients; the third by Baker Memorial patients and the fourth by Ward 26. If you go over to that part of the Bulfinch, formerly occupied by Ward 26, you will find there offices for physicians and social workers and a group of laboratories. This growth of the daily census of patients means that there is also growth in the number of personnel needed to care for them and so our dining rooms, especially at the luncheon hour, became very crowded. As relief for this congestion you will find a first class pay cafeteria established in the Phillips House dining rooms. This is used by such of the personnel as secretaries, technicians, social workers, and physicians. At last graduation time you would have found the science laboratory in the Pathological Building. Tonight it is in the Lodge. I do not wish to venture an opinion as to where you may find it a year from now. The frequent moving of that science laboratory is one of our little jokes, but as we persuade the hospital to improve the equipment a little every time we move, we do not object to the frequent migrations. Over in the Thayer an office for an instructor has been evolved from a former utility room, and another office in the Walcott House from the corner of a class room. A clinic waiting room in the Out-Patient Department is equipped for a class room. And if you will walk down North Grove Street you will find that the former Ladder House of the City's Fire Department, now owned by the hospital, has been remodeled into a dormitory for the men students from McLean. We wish we could lead you to a new nurses' residence, but we cannot, and so we must tell you that a large number of graduate nurses and dietitians are living in rooms and apartments outside of the hospital.

Not only has the year brought changes in the student personnel, graduate personnel, and occupancy of the physical plant, but changes in the functions of two major departments. During the last six months the dietetic department has gradually assumed the responsibility of the serving of the meals to the patients on the wards. There are three major reasons for this change: reduction of divided responsibility between dietitians and nurses, placement of the responsibility upon the dietetic group who are especially prepared for this branch of the hospital service, and provision of a plan by which the dietitians follow the food from purchase to consumption. There is no doubt but what waste has been curtailed, food improved, and responsibility more definitely placed. Considering the large number of personnel and the many factors involved in this change, the establishment of this new routine has brought surprisingly few difficulties.

The alumnae will be interested to know, too, that the department of anesthesia is in the process of re-organization. For many years eight students have each year been taught the elements of the administration of ether. As a part of this re-organization the students have been withdrawn and another nurse has been added to the staff of anesthetists. This group is now under the direction of a physician who is prepared for this specialty.

- On the seventeenth of September the Training School for Nurses welcomed the opening of a twelve-bed psychiatric unit which is a part of Ward 26, the former neurological ward. Miss French, who for sometime has been the head nurse on that ward, to prepare for her added responsibilities, took a three months' postgraduate course at the Butler Hospital during the summer of 1934. An assistant head nurse and three other graduate nurses from McLean Hospital were added to the staff, as were also four graduates of this school, three of whom had had the affiliated course at the McLean Hospital. Here with this group of patients is another opportunity for our students to receive experience, though somewhat limited, in the field of psychiatric nursing.

Probably there is no busier group of women to be found anywhere than this group of graduate and student nurses who are gathered here. Yet they do find time to play a little, and now and then to take advantage of the recreational and cultural opportunities that Boston has to offer. Then, too, there are social activities here at the school. While the cost of these activities is small, there have been times in the past when we were handicapped because there was no recreational fund. A gift for this purpose from the alumnae has this year relieved us from any concern relative to money expenditure.

In so far as possible, the students instigate and direct their own activities, but that these activities are accomplished with reasonable

ease is largely due to Miss Roberts, our physical-social director. In an institution where members of the student body may be on duty in any one of the three periods of the twenty-four hours, may live in any one of the five different residences and, furthermore, may be on duty in any one of six different institutions, a co-ordinator is certainly essential. Miss Roberts, therefore, assists by assembling what might be called "properties," a task that would be very difficult for busy student nurses to accomplish. For example she buys from the Occupational Therapy Department of the hospital, the yarn for the knitted dresses and arranges for necessary instruction in knitting, procures a gymnasium for basket ball, assembles supplies for Sunday breakfasts, purchases music for the Glee Club, makes "big sister" assignments, searches for and finds a place where a small group can be taught leather tooling and block printing by the occupational therapist, engages buses for excursions, and this year it was her pleasant duty to take tennis tournament cups for the engraving of the school letters and the names of the individual winners. We do not take these basket ball and tennis victories and losses too seriously. The fun is in the game.

The high light of this year's student activities was the Glee Club's Candlelight Service of the Christmas Season. I doubt if anywhere in Boston there was a similar service of more dignity and charm. Those of us who were privileged to attend that Candlelight Service will always recall it with pleasure.

Schools of nursing are now taking more responsibility for the recreational activities of the student body, a step which has been too long delayed. Many of us can remember the day when it was a common thing to hear it said, "Oh, you know nurses are trained to go without food and sleep." Today it is not an uncommon thing to hear, "I am surprised to know that students in schools of nursing ever do anything like play basket ball or tennis." Is there any other group of students anywhere who has greater need of the re-creation that results from recreation? Schools of nursing have a long way to go before they achieve a program so planned that the day of the student nurse shows the proportion of work, rest and recreation which we as nurses teach is essential to healthful living. But each year sees a program which is more sound than that which preceded it.

Our hospital, in common with many others in Boston and vicinity, will this year report the adoption of an eight-hour day for hospital special nurses as the outstanding accomplishment of the year. How often those who desire earnestly and work diligently for some improvement are doomed to repeated disappointment and deferred accomplishment. But occasionally one of these desired goals is realized without undue effort and before actually expected. This was true of the eight-hour day for hospital special nurses. If, at last graduation we had been

told that within a year over twenty hospitals in Massachusetts would have adopted such a plan, we would have said, "Incredible." But such an accomplishment is a fact.

The merits of the plan are too numerous to list here. In the preliminary discussion it was felt that the chief factor that would work against the adoption of the plan would be the patient's objection to a probable increase in cost, and his objection to the adjustments which he would have to make to an additional nurse. A six months' trial of the eight-hour day showed that not only was the increase in cost, because of the lowered fee and lowered charge for nurses' board far less than was expected, but that the objection to the necessary adjustment to another nurse was less disturbing than was anticipated. Because a large majority of physicians, patients, and nurses were in favor of the plan, and because it accomplished a decided spread in the increase of employment of nurses (the major reason for the trial) the policy was definitely adopted November first. The actual spread of employment ranged from twenty-three percent in the Phillips House and fifty-eight percent in the General Hospital, to seventy percent in the Baker Memorial. A detailed review of this trial period of the eight-hour day for hospital specials as it was made here in the Massachusetts Eye and Ear Infirmary, and the Massachusetts General Hospital, is published in the January "Bulletin" of the American Hospital Association.

The year has brought changes in the organization of the nursing department of Simmons College. This department, organized in 1918, was named The School of Public Health Nursing. It had two general plans: first, to offer courses in public health nursing to graduate nurses; and second, to arrange, with the co-operation of three nursing schools in Boston hospitals, a five-year undergraduate course which would enable the qualified student to receive both her college degree and her nursing diploma in five years. The major changes are in the five-year program. Formerly the student spent two years at the college, two at the hospital school, and the fifth year back at the college where she received specific preparation for public health nursing. Many of these students have looked forward to administrative work or to teaching in schools of nursing rather than a public health nursing. This is one reason why, in the new program, there is no longer a special emphasis upon preparation for public health nursing, but rather a general strengthening and broadening of the entire course.

Under the former plan the college gave the degree of Bachelor of Science and the hospital school where the student received the major part of her field experience gave the diploma. Under the new plan the students will now be graduates of the re-organized Simmons College School of Nursing, the new name of the school, and not graduates

of the hospital schools of nursing, as formerly. The status of these students in the hospital schools will be that of affiliates.

Helen Wood, a graduate of the school, has been appointed Professor of Nursing and Director of the Simmons College School of Nursing. Marjory Stimson, another graduate of the school, has been appointed Assistant Professor of Public Health Nursing, and made supervisor of the course in public health nursing.

Another alumna who has recently been given an important post is Elizabeth Sullivan, who was appointed by the Massachusetts State Board of Nurse Examiners to the position of Supervisor of the Registered Schools of Nursing in the state of Massachusetts.

At the annual meeting of the American Nurses' Association held in Washington, D. C., in April, Miss McCrae was awarded the Walter Burns Saunders Medal "for distinguished service in the cause of nursing." The medal was awarded by Dr. Nathaniel W. Faxon, President of the American Hospital Association. In awarding this medal Dr. Faxon said, "Miss McCrae is endowed with a fierce devotion, she has taught with a concrete knowledge of her subject, with a craftsmanship, a spirit, and a dramatic power that have fired her students with enthusiasm and imparted a momentum that many of them have never lost. By precept and example she has held them implacably to their best—and through it all she has held fast to Theodore Fliedner's principle that 'the soul of service must not be sacrificed to technique.'" Miss McCrae has been on leave of absence since February, 1934, and is anticipating retirement on September 1, 1935. A review of Miss McCrae's contribution to this school will, therefore, be a subject for the report of the year 1935.

During the year the school has lost, by death, two of its most valued friends, Mrs. W. W. Vaughan and Mrs. Nathaniel Thayer. It now seems to us hardly probable that anyone will ever again give the hospital such long and valued services. Mrs. Vaughan was the daughter of Mrs. Samuel Parkman, one of the founders of the Boston Training School for Nurses, which in 1896 became the Massachusetts General Hospital Training School for Nurses. Her father was a member of our medical staff from 1846 until his death in 1854. Therefore, the daughter, Mrs. Vaughan, inherited a deep interest in this hospital and school. She herself was elected to the Board of Directors of the Boston Training School in 1882 and served until 1896 when the school became the nursing school of this hospital and the Board was dissolved. Three years later, in 1899, the re-organized school created an Advisory Committee and Mrs. Vaughan was one of the original members of that Committee and served on it until October of 1931 when, because of failing health, she was forced to resign. Long after that resignation was written, she maintained her interest in the school. My last letter

from her was received last April and the subject was the eight-hour day for hospital specials.

Anyone who surveys the work of the members of the Board of Directors and of the Advisory Committee is impressed with the earnestness with which Mrs. Vaughan endeavored to further the interests of the school. She was so faithful in the attendance of the meetings; so seldom absent. There are literally hundreds of pages of written reports of those meetings. There are reports of commissions which she carried out, such as visiting the alumnae who were sick in the homes, students who were on duty in the wards, the dining room and the nurses' homes, and strange as it may seem, she with others of this committee read the note books of the student nurses. Of course all Mrs. Vaughan's reports of these meetings are written in longhand; in that large, clear handwriting which suggested strength of personality. Her opinions expressed in these meetings carried great influence for they were the result of long experience and sound thinking, and what is equally important, were clearly and convincingly expressed. Not only with the hospital group but out into the community to which she interpreted the work and needs of the school, did Mrs. Vaughan's opinion carry great weight. There is no doubt that she frequently corrected some of the misunderstanding that the laity often have of the principles and practices of a large hospital and of a large school.

I wish there were time for me to tell you something of her personality and of her gracious acts, but there is not. You of the alumnae have, I am sure, read my tribute to her which was published in our alumnae bulletin. The last paragraph I shall repeat. It reads, "Mrs. Vaughan possessed a family inheritance rich in those qualities that have made Boston's finest citizens. Among these qualities is a willingness to give generously of their time, influence, and wise guidance to the worth while institutions of the community. That in practicing this principle of her family inheritance, Mrs. Vaughan elected to give generously of her time, influence, and wise guidance to this school is the great good fortune of the Massachusetts General Hospital Training School for Nurses."

Mrs. Thayer, too, served this hospital for nearly fifty years. Her first appointment came in 1887 when she was Pauline Revere and was appointed a member of the Ladies Visiting Committee. She, too, was a member of the Board of Directors of the Boston Training School for Nurses and later chairman of the Advisory Committee to the Massachusetts General Hospital Training School for Nurses. In 1916 Governor McCall appointed her a trustee of the hospital and in May of the next year the trustees voted her not only a member, but the chairman of the Trustees Committee of the Training School. This position Mrs. Thayer held until the time of her death in September of 1934. While it is common practice to place one or more

trustees upon the Training School Committee, rarely is the trustee a woman, and even more rarely does that trustee possess the interest, sympathy, and understanding of school affairs that Mrs. Thayer had. Any progress the school has made during the last thirty years is to a large degree due to Mrs. Thayer's understanding of the needs of the school and to her convincing interpretation of those needs to the hospital trustees. They looked to her for information and advice regarding those matters that pertained to the school. They respected her opinions and judgments and acted upon her recommendations.

For fourteen years I myself have seen Mrs. Thayer preside over those meetings of that advisory committee comprised of trustees, members of the medical staff, ladies representing the community, the hospital director, and the principal of the school. She had a sense of pride in the school and, while she welcomed any committee member's expression of appreciation of its work, she urged the members to feel perfectly free to discuss any policy or practice about which they were not entirely satisfied. She was an impartial, tactful, and experienced presiding officer. When she guided the discussion, there came about a more sympathetic understanding, even though the topic were a controversial one. In these committee meetings, under Mrs. Thayer's expert guidance, some of the sixty-year old conflicts between nursing education and nursing service were removed of much of their sting. Helpful to me as Mrs. Thayer was as the presiding officer of these various meetings, an even greater helpfulness came from the personal conferences I had with her. Because of her high degree of intelligence, her comprehensive understanding, and her vast experience in dealing with people, she could not only see the many issues involved in the problems to be solved, but she could also see the far reaching results of the proposed solutions.

The alumnae knew Mrs. Thayer best as the presiding officer of many graduation exercises. Her presence added dignity and grace to these occasions, and through some undefinable medium, made us sense the high place this institution holds in the respect of the community. We were proud;—proud of Mrs. Thayer, of the hospital, and of the school.

For nearly half a century Mrs. Thayer has been associated with this school! What a force for stabilization these many years of association have been! No alumna living can adequately measure the worth of that contribution. But every alumna living is grateful for it.

During the year just closed the school has lost four great personages and perhaps it has lost a fifth. We lost Mrs. Vaughan and Mrs. Thayer because of death; Dr. Washburn and Miss McCrae because of retirement. Mrs. Vaughan and Mrs. Thayer were privileged to live long and useful lives. Their going marked the competing of a stewardship faithfully discharged. Dr. Washburn and Miss McCrae were

privileged to give long and useful service to this hospital and school, and they have moved on into a period of life that holds much for enjoyment; perhaps this movement might be called progression. These changes are expected and for all four they came at a normal period of life. There was an element of sadness, but none of tragedy.

In Dr. Bigelow's absence there is real tragedy: first of all for himself and for his family, then for this institution and for the community. He had so much to give to each of these groups. All of us have great admiration and deep affection for Dr. Bigelow and we continue to hope for his safe return.

The annual report given at the graduation exercises last year closed with a tribute to Dr. Washburn and a welcome to Dr. Bigelow. Everything that we then expected of him was realized—and more. I shall never forget his coming to my office the morning after graduation and saying to me with that whimsical smile and with that manner that was so full of charm,—“Miss Johnson, thank you for those kind things you said about me last night. I was so pleased to know that you think you have found in me some of the qualities that you found in Dr. Washburn.” At that moment I felt the linking of the strength of the old administration with the strength that was to be in the new.

I do not need to tell you that these last months have been difficult ones for this hospital family. In most families the meeting of a difficult situation brings the members closer together: so here in this hospital family the meeting of this difficult situation has brought us closer together. There has come about an even greater solidarity which has helped us to bear the strain.

These five personages of whom I have spoken, and many others like them, of generations past as well as present, have endowed the hospital and the school with a solidarity, and an integrity of purpose, that have made the hospital and the school a living force.

There are many qualities of character that we would wish these young women of this graduating class to possess as part of their equipment for *their* lives of usefulness. One of them is this very quality of stability. Surely, both by virtue of their inheritance and by virtue of their environment, these young women graduating from the Massachusetts General Hospital Training School for Nurses should possess that quality in abundance. May that quality ever *be* one of their prime possessions.

O. W. Holmes' Words at 90

Boston, March 7.

[The address was delivered by Mr. Holmes March 8, 1931. It is as follows:

In this symposium my part is only to sit in silence. To express one's feeling as the end draws near is too intimate a task. But I may mention one thought that comes to me as a listener in. The riders in a race do not stop short when they reach the goal. There is a little finishing canter before coming to a standstill. There is time to hear the kind voices of friends and to say to one's self, the work is done. But just as one says that, the answer comes: The race is over, but the work never is done while the power to work remains. The canter that brings you to a standstill need not be only coming to rest. It cannot be while you still live. For to live is to function. That is all there is in living. And so I end with a line from a Latin poet who lettered the message more than 1500 years ago. "Death plucks my ear and says, 'Live—I am coming'." Ed.]—*Boston Herald*.

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Frances R. Harlow (1908) of Pasadena, California, who is spending a few months with her sisters in Toronto, Canada, has recently been the guest of Florence E. Merrill.

The Christmas Card from Mrs. Albert Murray (Ida L. Chesly, 1892) Melrose, Mass., of her two grandsons, was much appreciated.

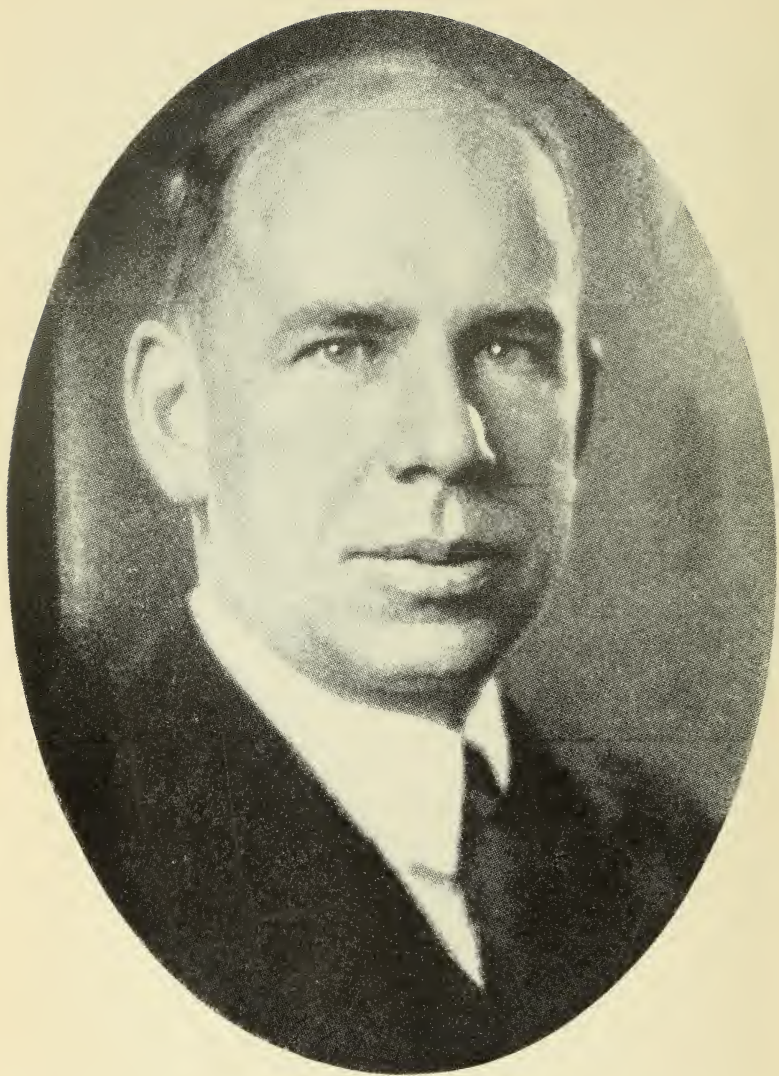
Marion Gile Kant (1924) is serving on the State Nurses' Association as the representative of Public Health, Field of District 5, Mass.

Miss Margaret E. Harry (1919) receives recognition as "the Nurse of the Month" from the March Number of the Public Health Nursing.

Miss Elizabeth Hatlow (1901) has been appointed to write the obituary notices for the Quarterly Record.

Miss Hilda G. Blaisdell (1920) edits the reports of the Alumnae meetings.

Miss Anna M. Webber (1880) has had a three months' visit to San Diego; she expects to return to her home in Augusta, Maine, the last of March.



NATHANIEL W. FAXON, M. D.

Dr. Faxon Goes to the M. G. H.

Bulletin of American Hospital Association March, 1935.

Dr. N. W. Faxon, director of the Strong Memorial Hospital, Rochester, New York, and immediate past-president of the American Hospital Association, has been invited by the Massachusetts General Hospital to become its medical director, and has accepted.

Since 1922 when he completed his tour of duty as assistant resident physician at the M. G. H., Dr. Faxon has been director of the Strong Memorial Hospital, Rochester, New York. During the war he commanded Field Hospital No. 28 of the 4th Division overseas.

The Massachusetts General Hospital is one of the oldest and largest general hospitals on the continent. From its organization in 1797, with Dr. James Jackson chief of its medical service and Dr. John C. Warren chief of its surgical service, down through the early years of the last century when Captain Nathaniel Fletcher was elected superintendent and through the modern era when Drs. Frederic A. Washburn and George Bigelow were its medical directors, the M. G. H. presents a long line of distinguished administrators, each discharging, as his predecessor had done, his full responsibility in the development of this historic institution. For the most part the directors of M. G. H. have had a long tenure of office.

Dr. Faxon takes his rank with the capable men who have preceded him in office. His appointment as medical director of the M. G. H., the institution in which he completed his internship and served his residency, is a tribute to his qualifications as an administrator, and a recognition of his contribution to hospital advancement in this country.

To be called back to become the chief and medical director of the institution in which they received their education and their training for the work they chose to follow through life is an experience which comes to but few men in public or professional life.

Circulatory Diseases

MARION THURSTON.

The group of Circulatory diseases includes such vascular disorders as thrombo-angiitis obliterans, Raynaud's Disease and arterio-sclerosis.

This article is not intended to cover completely each individual disorder, but to summarize the treatments and nursing skills which are demonstrated on a ward that admits patients with Circulatory diseases. The arterio-sclerosis and diabetic group have been considered in a previous article, therefore the care of patients with thrombo-angiitis obliterans will be discussed here.

This disease begins as an inflammatory process involving mostly the deeper veins and arteries of both lower and upper extremities. Following the lesions a thrombus forms and heals, bringing a complete closure of arteries and veins at that level.

The first symptoms of this disease are pains in the sole of one foot, toe or ankle. In walking, sudden cramp-like pains in the calf of the leg may occur, causing that person to rest at frequent intervals. The patients do not often appreciate the seriousness of their condition until some minor cut, abrasion or infection on the sole of the foot, toe or ankle causes them such excruciating and unbearable pain that they are forced to seek medical assistance.

The treatment for this disease in the acute stage is as follows:

1. Rest in bed, legs on pillows with heels off the mattress to guard against pressure areas there.

II. Cradle to keep the bed clothes off the feet.

III. Daily foot hygiene which consists of bathing the feet with soap and water and drying, being careful to dry well between the toes; applying lanolin to keep the skin soft; and lamb's wool between the toes to prevent irritation. If there is a lesion it should be dressed as ordered by the physician.

IV. Buerger's exercises:

Position 1. Patient elevates feet on back of chair or Buerger board for length of time it takes for the foot to blanch, usually from one half of a minute to two minutes.

Position 2. Patient sits on edge of bed, dangling legs and moving toes, usually from one to three minutes, depending on the cyanosis or severe pain.

Position 3. Patient lies flat in bed for a rest period of about five minutes.

V. Force fluids and adequate diet.

VI. Restrict smoking.

This form of treatment is usually carried out for a period varying from ten days to two weeks. If at the end of this time the pain is not relieved, nerve blocks are done. These consist of crushing the nerves that control the sensation of the affected part of the foot, giving it anesthesia there.

Care should be taken when heat is applied that burns may not result to the patient. It is also very important that no pressure be applied to the affected part.

The average patient with an ulcer stays in the hospital until the ulcer is healed, usually from three weeks to two months. Before going home they are given definite instructions about taking care of their feet and told of the dangers which may result from the failure to follow these instructions. They continue to do the Buerger's exercises and foot care after leaving the hospital.

One of the recent additions to the treatment of thrombo-angiitis obliterans is the "glass boot." This boot is made of Pyrex glass with tubing and a manometer attached so that the patients may operate it themselves. It is attached to a suction apparatus which creates a negative pressure in the boot when the patient clamps it off.

Both the boot and the Buerger's exercises are designed to open up new blood vessel channels, so-called "collateral circulation," thereby giving the affected limb enough blood supply to carry on when the deep vessels are obliterated.

MARION THURSTON, R.N.

The Doctor Woman

ERNA M. KUHN 1914.

Nursing in the Kentucky Mountains is a challenge to the strongest of young women. In the old days when the Town and Country Nursing Service of the Red Cross placed nurses in some of the more isolated mountain districts, Knott County in the heart of the Cumberlandlands was one of the stations selected. The county seat was the town of Hindman which stretched along the banks of Troublesome Creek, sixteen miles from the railroad station of Lackey, sixteen long horseback miles of slow going through rocky creeks and over steep mountain trails.

The county was as large as the state of Rhode Island and one nurse covered it on horseback attempting to care for the sick, teach health in the schools, mother some of the children in the settlement

where she made her headquarters, and answer any call of service to man or beast. It was a busy service and one in which it was difficult to make much headway because of the pressure of work and difficult transportation. I was one of the Town and Country nurses of the old days and I often recall the problems the service presented.

Moonshine stills were scattered throughout the mountains and moonshiners were a nuisance in our lives. Not only did they steal our corn but they took our wash-tubs and rain barrel as well. Many were the times when a white rag tied to the limb of a tree announced that corn whiskey was for sale; corn whiskey that tasted like a mixture of gasoline and lye and cooked the white of an egg. Corn whiskey came to mean something to me, however, for once, when my supply of alcohol gave out and the arrival of a new shipment from Cleveland was uncertain, I was lamenting the fact that I had no more alcohol with which to sponge a very sick fever patient. My comments were overheard by the husband of my patient and some of his friends who were sitting under her open bedroom window and the next morning I found on my doorstep a two-quart Mason jar of corn whiskey. It was a fine substitute for rubbing alcohol even if the sweetish odor was somewhat objectionable.

The existence of moonshine stills made my night trips unhappy as I was always afraid of being mistaken for a revenue officer. I don't know why I had this fear as I had many night calls and never once did I have to dodge a shot directed toward the ring of my horse's shoes against the rocks in the creek.

The common diseases in the mountains were typhoid, tuberculosis, hookworm and pneumonia. Then there were burns to dress, many of them because the children stood too close to the great open fires and their skirts caught fire. There were also gunshot wounds when feuds ran high. Sometimes it was necessary to travel thirty-four miles on horseback every other day for a period of weeks to dress wounds that were made in a short sharp fight.

Babies, too, were born and unless I hurried, the mountain midwives arrived before me and claimed the case. It was hard to stand by and watch a new mother walked up and down shortly after the delivery to 'dreen' when rest in bed was what she needed.

Then there was the tragedy of death. When death stalked into a mountain cabin the door was taken down to lay out the deceased on regardless of whether the winter winds blew. Death often caused the most abandoned mourning and reduced the family to a state incapable of arranging for the funeral. At such times I not only had to make arrangements for the service and order the coffin but I also had to help make the shroud and dress the corpse. I was always invited to the funeral and expected to attend.

One day when I was on my way to visit a very ill patient, her daughter ran to meet me to tell me that her mother was dead but wouldn't I go on up to the house anyway as they wished to see me. There lay my patient stretched on the door with her family mourning loudly about her. The matter of business they wished to discuss was the shroud. Would I ask Mrs. Arnold in Hindman to make it and have it ready for the burial the next day? I told them that I would do my best to get the shroud made in time so when I rode back to town I went immediately to Mrs. Arnold with my message. She wasn't feeling very amiable and snapped, "How do you expect me to have a shroud ready, lace and all, by tomorrow morning? You'll have to get down and help me."

"But I've had no lunch and my horse hasn't been fed either," I replied.

"Well get down off your nag and I'll feed you both and then you can help me sew."

We sewed until late in the evening making a shroud of soft baptiste with ruffled lace at the neck and wrists. When it was finished Mrs. Arnold pressed it and folded it into a basket. "Now how are we going to get it up there?" she asked as she fastened the lid.

I didn't quite know what to say. My silence seemed to irritate her.

"Well you got me into this so you'll have to see that it gets there in time," she continued.

I had a feeling that Mrs. Arnold was paying off an old grudge she had against me which developed when I excluded her children from school because they had scabies. Her husband was an influential man in the county and I should have known better than to interfere with their children. Her temper was too much for me, however, so I took the basket of "grave clothes" on my arm and said I would manage to get them up to the Sloane's somehow but I just wouldn't travel back there again that night. The Sloane home was eight miles away.

At six o'clock the next morning I rode up the creek through the cold November mist with the creaking basket on my arm. An owl was calling mournfully. One of my horse's shoes was loose and clattered dismally with each step. It was a morning fit for the errand on which I was bound.

I arrived at the cabin with the first funeral guests and with the help of one of them, dressed the corpse in the soft shroud, drew white gloves on the stiff hands and placed a handkerchief in them. (It was customary to do this in the mountains.) During the short funeral service the mourners were quiet and their silence continued throughout the long hard climb up the mountainside to the family

burying ground. The bearers panted and often lost their footing in the loose pebbles as they struggled with their burden. Into a shallow grave in the rocky soil they lowered the bare board coffin. After filling the grave, a latticed grave house was built over it to protect it from wind and rain. Then slowly the mourners returned to the cabin to set the door in place against the raw November wind.

Many were the mountain cures for various diseases and often it was difficult to change the treatment from one that the mountaineers were accustomed to using to the more scientific methods of a "far land."

Scarification was a common treatment for hives in children but it was also used because it was generally believed that the sacrificed baby would grow to be a strong adult. Scarification consisted of cutting the shoulder of the infant in three places and drawing about fifteen drops of blood which was mixed with mother's milk and fed to the child. It was a sure cure for hives and insured the child's future health and strength.

A common remedy for measles was a tea made from sheep's droppings.

For pneumonia or other diseases of the chest a cat was killed, opened and applied like a poultice while the body was still warm.

When I was riding homeward one evening I met a woman mounted on a mule. She stopped me and asked me to look at the child she held in her arms. As she handed the baby over to my saddle she said it had "thrash." I examined the mouth which presented a bad case of thrush but when I suggested that she use boric acid in treating it she said she couldn't do that, at least for a few days because she had just come from Mary Hinton's and Mary had blown into the mouth of the child. I asked who Mary Hinton was.

"Don't you know Mary Hinton?" she asked with considerable surprise. "Why Mary Hinton has cured more thrash in these here mountains than anybody else."

"What does she use?" I questioned.

"She doesn't use anything, just blows her breath in the baby's mouth."

"But why does Mary Hinton's breath cure thrush any more than anybody else's breath?"

She looked at me as though I was the most ignorant person in Christendom before she answered, "Why haven't you heard tell that when a child is born after his pappy's dead that that child can cure thrash by blowing in the baby's mouth?"

Such were the powers of the posthumous child. I waited a few days and when the mother was convinced that Mary Hinton's treatment wasn't going to work she used the boric acid.

I was told later that there was another very common remedy for thrush and that was to procure the shoe of a man who was of no kin to the child, pour water into it, slosh it back and forth a "small while" and then use it to wash the baby's mouth.

The horse that I rode came from the bluegrass region. He was a beautiful creature with an easy gait that added to the comfort of the long hard trips. With more than ordinary intelligence he responded to my moods. If I sang or whistled he knew that I was in no particular hurry and he would stop along the way and nip the fresh green leaves but if I was quiet and hugged his sides closely with my knees he knew we needed to reach some place speedily so he wasted no time along the road. I tried to keep him in good condition by feeding him as well as the mountain fare made feeding possible and by rubbing him down carefully after each trip. The men in the county often asked me what I did to keep him from getting the "scratches." "Scratches" was a disease caused by a parasite in the mountain mud. When I told them how I prevented the disease I built up the reputation of being a good vet and it wasn't long before I was consulted in the treatment of animals. I was called out for a horse that had eaten too much dry fodder. My childhood life on a farm helped me out here. The owner and I stroked the horse's throat for a long time and gave him water gradually. I wondered at the time if the treatment would do any good. It seemed to so as a vet I became famous. A pig caught on a barbed wire fence was a first-aid case. But when a cow gave birth to twin calves and had puerperal fever I was at a loss but I actually gave that cow a douche. She died shortly after and I brought the calves up on a bottle until they were old enough to drink from a pail.

Such was the life of the rural mountain nurse, full of adventure, full of interest and well worth the sleepless nights, hard work, isolation and deprivation.

There are no more appreciative people than the mountain folk. They will do everything to cooperate with the nurse and affectionately call her the doctor woman.

Lady Montagu and Ingrafting

FLORENCE E. MERRILL, 1908.

Wrote a friend some weeks ago—"You would enjoy an old book I am reading. 'The Letters of Lady Mary Wortley Montagu,' edited by Mrs. Hale in 1869."

But it was the quotation following that sent me in quest of

letters written over two hundred years ago: "I am really as fond of my garden as a young author of his first play when it has been well received by the town. I have mixed in my espaliers as many rose and jasmine trees as I can cram in—all the walks are garnished with beds of flowers besides the parterres which are for a more distinguished sort—gardening is certainly the next amusement to reading."

Now this fascinating old volume came to hand just as a long train trip loomed before me and tucking Lady Mary under my arm I prayed she might be found an agreeable companion; and is there greater test of one's friends than an all day's journey vis-a-vis? Skimming a page here and there she was at once found to be amusing and witty, giving an odd turn to many a hackneyed phrase and held promise of being still agreeable if ignored now and then.

She proved herself much more as you shall see.

The preface contained unstinted praise of this brilliant intelligent gentlewoman, and among the elaborate laudations one paragraph caught and held my eye—"But Lady Mary showed even higher qualities than wit and observation.

"The practise of inoculation for smallpox was universal in Turkey. She examined it, perceived its utility, tested it upon her little son and came back to England resolved to introduce it."

The first dated letter is that of December 9th, 1712, but several undated, preceding this, proved the spirit of our heroine. Born near London twenty years earlier, she was brought up by a tyrannical father and, as is sometimes observed in these later years, there appears to have been some rough places in the course of true love. It is in attempting to clamber over one of these that we first encounter her. She is writing to The Honorable Edward W. Montagu.

"I never speak but what I mean, and when I say I love 'tis forever. The pretty fellows you speak of I own entertain me sometimes, but is it impossible to be diverted with what one dispises? I take more pains to approve my conduct to myself than to the world and would not have to accuse myself of a minute's deceit." The Hon. Edward seems to have been hesitant, for follows this: "Your indifference to me does not hinder me from thinking you capable of tenderness and the happiness of friendship. There is no condition of life I could not have been happy in with you, so very much I liked you,—I might say loved, since it is the last thing I'll ever say to you—had I intended ever to see you again I durst not have sent this letter. Adieu." But she "dursts" yet again.

Braving parental anger she thus prompts her laggard lover: "I again beg you to have a coach at the door early Monday morning to carry us some part of our way, wherever you resolve our journey

shall be." There are grounds for belief that Edward acted for they were married privately by special license on August 12, 1712. Through many separations as his duties took him to one country and another her letters, always affectionate, filled with interesting observations and sparkling with not unkind wit, followed. From these, from others to various friends and relatives and from the notes of Mrs. Hale we come into close contact with a brilliant mind, combined with a gift of beauty and a charm of manner which everywhere made her a favorite. Friends old and new sought her advice on matters domestic and otherwise, and she gave it with characteristic frankness. One letter concerned with the nursing of a friend's infant illustrates her broad view and incidentally a fine sense of humor:

"You ask my advice on this matter and to give it to you frankly I really think that Mr.—'s demand is unreasonable as his wife's constitution is tender and her temper fretful. All these fine spun arguments that he has drawn from nature to stop your mouths weigh, I must own to you, but very little with me.

"Is not nature modified by art in many things? Was it not designed to be so? Would you like to see your husband let his beard grow until he would be obliged to put the end of it in his pocket because this beard is the gift of nature? The instincts of nature point out neither tailor nor sempsters nor milliners, and yet I am glad that we don't run naked like the Hottentots.

"I grant that nature has furnished the mother with milk to nourish her child but I maintain at the same time that if she can find better milk elsewhere she ought to prefer it without hesitation. I do verily believe that the milk of a good comely cow who feeds quietly in her meadow, never devours ragouts, nor drinks ratafia, nor frets at quadrille, nor sits up till three in the morning elated with gain or dejected with loss,—I do think that the milk of such a cow would be likely to nourish the young squire much better than her's. If it be true that the child sucks in the mother's passions with her milk this is a strong argument in favor of the cow; unless you may be afraid that the young squire may become a calf,—but how many calves are there both in state and church who have been brought up with their mother's milk!" In 1716 the Honorable Edward Montagu being appointed to a foreign ambassadorship, she went with him to Constantinople where ten different embassies gave her rare range for the display of her accomplishments. Among observations new and interesting made at Belgrade was that of the custom of "ingrafting" among the Turks to produce a mild form of smallpox. After careful study and firm in her conviction of its efficacy she allowed her small son to be inoculated—indeed it appears she herself

performed the operation—but have it in her own words: “There is a set of old women that make it their business to perform the operation every autumn in the month of September when the great heat is abated. They make parties for this purpose and when they are met (commonly fifteen or sixteen together) the old woman comes with a nutshell full of the matter of the best sort of smallpox and asks what vein you please to have opened. She immediately rips open that you offer to her with a large needle and puts into the vein as much matter as can lie upon the head of her needle, and after that binds up the little wound with a hollow bit of shell and in this manner opens four or five veins. The Grecians have commonly the superstitions of opening one in the middle of the forehead one in each arm and one on the breast to mark the sign of the cross.. There is no example of anyone that has died of it and you may believe I am well satisfied of the safety of this experiment since I intend to try it on my dear little son.

“I am patriot enough to take pains to bring this useful invention into fashion in England.” This move, however, seems to have been fought with some difficulty and from many notes and letters we learn she was treated with the utmost scorn and contempt, was assailed by the clergy from the pulpit, was followed and hooted in the streets until a less determined person would have been glad to desist. But with an indomitable courage and perseverance never daunted, quietly but persistently one person of influence after another was won to her viewpoint and she was eventually acclaimed a benefactor of mankind.

To her memory there was erected a memorial in the cathedral at Litchfield by the relict of one Theodore William Inge in the year of our Lord MDCCCLXXXIX.

“The monument consists of a mural marble representing a female figure of beauty weeping over the ashes supposed to be enclosed in the urn inscribed with her cipher M. W. M.”

Stroking a certain declivity on my left arm I—mentally—hang a large wreath of roses and jasmine, from the garden of two hundred years ago, upon that marble shaft!

Letters from Graduates

From Dorothy Leavitt (1925), St. Mary's River, Labrador.

February 7, 1935.

Dear Friends:

I have been asked to write a few lines concerning my work in Laborador. I left Boston on July first signing a contract for three

months. I arrived at St. Mary's Hospital just a week from the time I left home and enjoyed the trip North very much. We were very busy all summer—averaging over twenty patients in the Hospital. The Staff consisted of the doctor in charge, nurse in charge, and two assistant nurses besides four college boys who volunteered for the summer to work in the gardens, building roads, etc. There were many out patients treated daily coming from districts along the coast. There were several operations, medical cases and obstetrics.

One of the happiest days of the summer was when the Mission boat arrived with Sir Wilfred Grenfell, but we were disappointed that his visit was very short.

Another day that stands out during the summer was the day that the Hospital was threatened by fire—a forest fire raging within five miles. Patients were dressed and ready to leave the Hospital to be taken away by boat. Records and instruments were buried; food and medical supplies were packed. Fortunately, however, we had a rain storm that played the part of our fire apparatus at home.

The people here are beginning to have good results from their gardens. We are now able to cultivate potatoes, cabbage, lettuce, carrots and a few varieties of flowers. The season for gardening is very short but many of the families have found their gardens have paid fairly well.

Words cannot express the beauty of the summer—the blue water, the white icebergs that are seen floating down from the North, the endless miles of hills, and on a moonlight night the reflection of a lovely path of light across the water.

The summer staff and nurse in charge left the first of October; I signed a contract to remain until the first of July.

Pediatrics.

The first of November a typhoid patient was admitted. He was working at a wireless station at Belle Isle. The steamer answered a wireless message to take him to St. Mary's Hospital. At the time I had six patients including a baby with infantile paralysis. She spends several hours daily on a frame and has massage and baking. In a few months we hope to see her walking.

Medical.

The typhoid patient developed a thrombosis but he is well now and expects to travel home to Prince Edward Island by dog-team.

Surgical.

A patient with a gun-shot wound was brought in by the steamer five days after the accident happened. Amputation of the hand and

part of the arm was necessary. I had my first experience giving ether anesthesia; a necessary part of the education for a nurse in this country.

Obstetrics.

I was left alone with a breech delivery on my hands, but fortunately both mother and baby got along nicely.

There is a great deal of tuberculosis along the coast. Many of the families living on bread, tea, fresh meat and fish and sleeping in one small bed-room.

This winter rabbits, partridges, ducks, seals, whale and deer meat have been very plentiful and have been a means of furnishing food and livelihood.

On one of my visits to a home where there was a two-year-old baby, I made inquiries about the diet of the child and was informed by the mother that the baby had bread and tea and "she's a great girl for rabbits, Miss." As there are no cows here and the people cannot afford canned milk, they feed their babies tea.

In the Mission Boarding School there are two teachers. The children come here from farther North where they have no schools. Many of them have Eskimo and Indian characteristics.

I visited the homes by the use of dog teams. My seat being a soap box—getting into the homes by means of snowshoes. A man accompanies me on my trips carrying a pole to protect me against the dogs as they are very treacherous. It took three and one-half hours to travel five miles. At one home I found they were waiting to serve me tea, bread and jam, which tasted as good as a chicken dinner at home. On the outside of their shacks one sees stretched the beautiful skins of the red, silver and white foxes.

The winter is just as lovely as the summer—the hills of white, the sunsets and Northern Lights making all as bright as day cannot be described. There is nothing on the horizon to spoil the grandeur of it all.

I am giving a class in home hygiene and first aid to twelve young women of the village and they seem to get much pleasure from it.

The recreation consists mostly in visiting the neighbors, walking, and evenings spent before the fireplace enjoying radio programs from foreign countries and the United States. At last, I have plenty of time for reading.

I hope I have not bored you but my interest and love for this country could not be written in a few words.

**Extracts from a letter from Josephine F. Drew (1889)
4655 Santa Monica^e Avenue, Ocean Beach, San Diego, Cal.**

She spent two days at the United States Veterans' Hospital, San Fernando, California, with Mrs. Alice Boyson Cleveland (1889) who is laid up with arthritis.

Mrs. D. F. Davison (Hannah Pray, 1882) has a position in the Art Galley at Balboa Park, San Diego, California.

When Miss Drew finishes reading her copy of the Quarterly Record she passes it to Mrs. Hannah Pray Davison, who sends it to Mrs. Alice Boyson Cleveland, who sends it to Lucy Thomas Drake, St. Petersburg, Florida.

Note: Shouldn't we do our very best to make the Quarterly worth this loyal Alumna's effort.

And oh, before I finish! she sent a clipping from San Diego on the California-Pacific International Exposition which takes place this summer from June to September. Fleet Observance Week will bring one hundred and fifty ships of the Navy there; Naval Air Week an assembly of four hundred naval planes.

Perfect Score is Attained in Skeet Shooting Contest

Knocking down the "dead ones" with astounding regularity. Dr. Hugh Williams set a new world record in use of the 24-gage shotgun when he scored a perfect 25 out of 25 shots in the skeet tournament held at the Quincy Gun club's range, Braintree, on Sunday. Dr. Williams, who had the 24-gage gun sent him recently from Belgium, was in rare form and surprised his clubmates with his fine marksmanship.

The perfect score of 25 is the finest ever known to have been shot with such a small bore gun.

From Boston American, March 5, 1935

Boston Folios Sold in London

London, March 5 (AP)—Four folios of Shakespeare, sent by Massachusetts General Hospital for sale here, realized £3,100 (about \$15,000) today in Sotheby's auction rooms.

The four folios constitute a rare set of Shakespeare's plays printed about 300 years ago, and were acquired by Francis Callery Gray of Boston in 1836.

Dr. A. S. W. Rosenbach, Philadelphia collector, bought a similar group of folios last year for \$85,750.

The folios sold today were left to the hospital by Mrs. Mary E. Blatchford of Cambridge, who died about a year ago.

State Board of Nurse Examiners, Albany, N. Y.

December 1, 1934.

To Principals of Registered Schools:

We have received the following memorandum from Charles B. Heisler, Director, Professional Licensure Division, with reference to the amendment to the nurse law requiring citizenship namely, chapter 855 of the Laws of 1934, effective August 9, 1934:

"Every person admitted to the examination for license as registered nurse in September, 1934, and thereafter, must submit evidence that she is a citizen of the United States, or has declared her intention of becoming such a citizen. This is true regardless of when the application for admission was filed, and applies to those who failed in previous examinations and are taking the examination again. After September 1, 1935, every applicant for admission to the examination must be a citizen unless she legally declared her intention of becoming a citizen prior to date."

From the above it is evident that all students now in your school who are not citizens and those noncitizens who are admitted before September 1, 1935, should declare their intention to become citizens of the United States before that date. If this action is not taken such persons will not be eligible for admission to the licensing examination until they have become citizens. It also means that after September 1, 1935, only those who are citizens or those who have declared their intention to become citizens before that date should be admitted to your school.

We also quote below the interpretation of the law with reference to the graduates who are eligible for registration in this State by indorsement since we believe the information may prove useful to you.

"Every applicant for indorsement of a license to practice as registered nurse issued by another state must submit evidence that she is a citizen of the United States or has declared her intention of becoming such citizen. This is true, regardless of when the application came in, and applies to every such person to whom the indorsement was not actually sent prior to August 9. After September 1, 1935, every applicant for such indorsement must show citizenship."

THE ALUMNAE

Report of Alumnae Meetings

DECEMBER 1934.

The December Alumnae Meeting was omitted as the last Tuesday of the month was Christmas Day. Instead, an invitation was extended to the Alumnae to attend the Candle Light Service arranged by the Glee Club and held in the Rotunda, Friday, December 21st.

In the interval between the November and January Alumnae Meetings there were two meetings of the Executive Board. At these meetings routine business was transacted and the following graduates of the School accepted as members of the Association:

Esther Brinkman	1932	Active
Wilhelmina Heikkinen	1934	Active
Alberta Mason Hurd	1930	Active
Phoebe Johnson	1934	Active
Anna H. Kules	1934	Active
Catherine McGrath	1931	Active
Helen Mulkern	1934	Active
Margaret E. Nelson	1933	Active
Abigail Norris	1934	Active
Elinor C. Stacey	1933	Active
Adelaide Rice Wordworth	1934	Active
Dorothy M. Amlaw	1933	Active
Rachel M. Blodgett	1934	Active
Ruby Cameron	1933	Active
Gladys McCracken	1934	Active
Marjorie J. Cross	1934	Associate
Justine O. Schlosser	1934	Associate
Mary Driscoll	1934	Non-resident
Ethel M. Perry	1934	Non-resident

JANUARY 29, 1935.

The Annual Meeting for the election of officers for the current year was held Tuesday, January 29, 1935, in the Walcott House Class Room. Sixty-six members were present. Annual reports were read by the Secretary and Treasury and by the Chairmen of the various Committees. Complete reports will be found elsewhere in The Quarterly.

Officers were elected as follows:

President—Barbara Williams.

First Vice-President—Kathleen Atto.

Second Vice-President—Barbara Healey.

Recording Secretary—Linda Burgess.

Corresponding Secretary—Walborg Peterson.

Treasurer—Annie Carstensen.

Directors—Sally M. Johnson, Helen Wood, Edith Cox.

Miss Wood who has been a gracious and inspiring president for the past two years, expressed in her retirement address her confidence in the continued growth of the Alumnae Association and promised further interest and assistance as a Director.

An unusually interesting program was very much enjoyed. Mr. Robert Winn conducted an Indoor Trip around Old Boston. His knowledge of historic Boston and the many amusing anecdotes, told in a most entertaining manner, made the old landmarks seem very real.

Refreshments were served in the Walcott House Reception Room.

HILDA G. BLAISDELL, 1920.

Report of Alumnae Meetings

FEBRUARY 26, 1935.

In spite of the unpleasant weather, one hundred and forty members were present at the February meeting which was held in the lower Out-Patient Department Amphitheater.

Miss Williams opened the meeting with the Roll Call by classes:

Classes up to 1900	8 members present
Classes from 1900-1910	12 members present
Classes from 1910-1920	21 members present
Classes from 1921-1930	52 members present
Class of 1931	6 members present
Class of 1932	19 members present
Class of 1933	10 members present
Class of 1934	12 members present

The business meeting was brief. Reports were read by the Secretary and Treasurer and the following new members were accepted:

Helen Gibbons	1933	Active
Elna Harling	1934	Active
Dorothy Kenniston	1934	Active
Lillian Norton	1933	Active

Muriel Wight	1934	Active
Martha E. Miller	1923	Non-resident
Erma Werta	1933	Non-resident
Frances Lannon		Associate
Catherine McGarry		Associate
Ruth Schilling		Associate
Eleanor M. Lee		Associate

Following the business meeting Dr. Leland McKittrick of the Surgical Staff gave an interesting lecture on Circulatory Diseases and demonstrated the use of the "Glass Boot." Dr. Ralph Adams of the Interne Staff gave a demonstration of the Elliott Treatment.

Refreshments were served in the Walcott House living room.

HILDA G. BLAISDELL, 1920.

Our Committees

Our annual meeting in January, at which were read the reports of the various committees concerning their activities for the past year, called our attention to the fact that our Alumnae association is a busy, active organization. Our monthly meetings which bring us together at regular intervals are the most conspicuous demonstration of the life of our organization, but a review of these committee reports will show our members something of what goes on "behind the scenes" and between the more or less formal stated gatherings.

Last year our active membership, in addition to associate and non-resident membership numbered 339. Twenty-seven of these members were serving on committees some of which met as frequently as once a month. The executive committee met regularly each month, except in July and August, giving careful consideration to applications for membership and other business which needed special attention before being presented to the whole association. The deliberations and actions taken by this committee have been reported by the secretary at each regular meeting of the Association, but such reports can show only indirectly the interest and loyalty of this group of officers in their efforts to further the welfare of our Alumnae Association. Our organization is now too large to accomplish all its work in a general meeting with its natural fluctuating attendance. It is only the constant and steady work of committees that can stabilize the work of the Association, and we should all appreciate the result of their efforts. Without repeating these committee reports in detail, some of the important features may well be published in the Quarterly for the benefit of those who were not able to attend the annual meeting.

The Treasury—

Our bank balance in the Trust Company on December 31st was \$601.75. Our Savings Bank including the "Emergency and Loan" Fund and Cooperative Bank accounts show our holdings to be \$3,877.94 in addition to seventy serial shares in the Boston Co-operative Bank upon which we are paying the regular monthly dues.

We received \$2,600 from membership dues, \$830 of which was paid the district treasurer to cover the membership of our active members in the State Nurses' Association. The printing of the Quarterly has cost us \$854.77. Aside from the usual expenses of other printing, postage, stationery and clerical assistance. We have had the expense of outside speakers for meetings, delegates to conventions, and annual contributions to the Isabel Hampton Robb Scholarship Fund, the McIsaac Loan Fund, the M. G. H. Scholarship and Loan Fund, the National League of Nursing Education, and the Nurses' Vacation House. All of these items were provided for in the budget drawn up by our Finance Committee the first of the year.

The Program Committee (Marion Stevens, Chairman) has given us a variety of entertainment ranging from such subjects as art, story telling and flower arrangement to professional subjects including a Red Cross meeting.

The Hospitality Committee (Marjorie Chicle, Chairman) has never failed to supplement the efforts of the Program Committee in arranging the social hour, including refreshments, to follow each regular meeting.

The Social Service Committee (Frances Daily, Chairman) has made many calls and sent flowers and Christmas remembrances to our sick or shut-in members. They have secured loans or gifts from our "Emergency Fund" for several who needed this type of help, and are ever on the lookout to lend a helping hand in the name of our Alumnae Association.

The Nominating Committee (Janette Wood, Chairman) demonstrates the results of its efforts in our list of officers for the coming year.

The Quarterly Record Committee (Agnes Murphy, Chairman) has met with the Editors of the Quarterly to discuss plans for the magazine, to appoint a reporter for Alumnae meetings, and to make nominations to fill vacancies on the Board.

The Red Cross Committee (Susan Briggs, Chairman) has held one meeting with head nurses and has planned one general Alumnae

meeting at the time of the drive in collaboration with the Program Committee. They provided canvassers for the Roll Call in November, and secured Red Cross literature for distribution.

The Revisions Committee (Esther Dart, Chairman) has not been called upon for any special work this year but is constantly on the alert to watch for any needed change in our rules and regulations.

The Endowment Fund Committee (Frances Beckworth, Chairman pro tem) has collected or raised \$140 during the year, making a total to the account of this Committee in the Savings Bank of \$2093.39. This sum will eventually be added to the \$53,000 now held in trust by the Hospital Trustees as the "Training School for Nurses Endowment Fund."

The Loan Fund Committee (Katharine Peirce, Chairman) has this year received more requests for loans than could be considered in view of the amount of money now in their treasury (Balance on hand December 31, \$1204.19). Payments on outstanding loans are being paid regularly, but we need a larger sum available for members who desire to take post graduate work. In the four years since this fund was established, nine members of our Association have benefited by loans from this source.

The life of our Association depends largely on the energy and enthusiasm of our committees. We appreciate the efforts of all who served on committees during the past year, and promise to support those who will be asked to represent us in these group activities for the coming year.

Our Exchange List

The Johns Hopkins Nurses Alumnae Magazine.

Mount Sinai Alumnae News.

The Alumnae Journal—Peter Bent Brigham Hospital.

St. Luke's Alumnae Bulletin.

The A. N. A. Bulletin.

The Quarterly Magazine of the Alumnae Association, Presbyterian Hospital School of Nursing, New York.

We congratulate the Alumnae Journal of the Peter Bent Brigham Hospital on the issue of December, 1934.

In Memoriam

Elizabeth Robinson Scovil, 1880
November 20, 1934
Bishops Stortford Herts, England

Nathalie C. Rudd, 1910
October 23, 1934
Norwich, Connecticut

Mrs. Thomas G. Martin
(Pauline A. Leaman, 1894)
December 11, 1934
Revere, Massachusetts

Mrs. Leon Brawner
(Frances Winters, 1924)
March, 1935
Atlanta, Georgia

Helen A. Jewell, 1900
March 22, 1935
At the Massachusetts General
Hospital, Boston, Massachusetts.

The sincere sympathy of the Massachusetts General Hospital Nurses' Alumnae is extended to the families and friends of our departed members.

Elizabeth Robinson Scovil

In 1880 Elizabeth Robinson Scovil graduated from the Boston Training School for Nurses. She was to become one of its most distinguished Alumnae.

Miss Scovil was born in St. John, N. B., April 30, 1849, of Loyalist descent. Her ancestors were people eminent for their culture, patriotism and achievements so that her own talents and sense of moral responsibility were hers naturally by birth and environment.

The pupils who trained in those early years of the school endured hardships that now seem incredible. Much praise is due those who persisted in their undertaking until graduation. Miss Scovil was one of a very fine group of pioneer nurses who were animated and sustained by their love of humanity and a consecrated resolve to serve it intelligently. She had a literary gift which she began to use as a pupil nurse. Articles written by her and published in American magazines attracted several applicants for the school, a service for which she was thanked by the trustees of the hospital. For 12 years she was an associate editor of *The Ladies Home Journal* and for 20 years a department editor of the *American Journal of Nursing*, and she was also a member of the staff of the Canadian Nurse.

Miss Scovil not only wrote for the cause of health and right living, but for 10 years she had charge of the Infirmary at St. Paul's School, Concord, N. H., and she was superintendent of the Newport Hospital 6 years. After her retirement from active work she wrote useful books on the care of children, Bible stories for children, and several books for adults designed to meet devotional needs, for Miss Scovil was an earnest member of the English Church and deeply religious by nature.

Altogether there are 21 books to Miss Scovil's credit. The latest "Common Ailments of Children" was published in 1932 when the author was 84 years of age. In late years she had travelled much, visiting members of her family in Alaska, England and the United States. Only last spring she was special speaker at the convention of the South Carolina Nurses' Association, her address being broadcast.

In appearance Miss Scovil was distinctly a gentlewoman, combining refinement with quiet dignity. She kept in touch with her school and when the Sophia F. Palmer Library collection was started by the Alumnae she gave to it a very interesting autograph letter which Florence Nightingale had written her concerning the latter's book "Preparation for Motherhood." Miss Nightingale granted Miss Scovil the rare privilege of three interviews.

While visiting her brother, Morris Scovil, at Bishops Stortford, Herts, England, Elizabeth Robinson Scovil passed through the door

called death, on November 20th, 1934. She leaves many devoted friends and relatives who will cherish her memory, and who will be glad to remember what she had said to a friend: "Life here is good, and I look forward with eager anticipation to life in the world to come."

Nathalie C. Rudd

On October 23, 1934, one of our distinguished Alumnae, Nathalie C. Rudd, answered the higher call.

Born in Chelsea in 1874, she was educated in the Chelsea Schools. She then became a court stenographer, which occupation she later laid aside to become a nurse. After graduation she entered upon a most varied and fruitful professional activity. She was soon employed by the Plimpton Press as factory nurse, being one of the first women in the field of Industrial Nursing. During the war, she was with Dr. Balch's Unit in France where she subsequently remained to organize child-welfare work.

Her energies and talents were widely used in many sections of her own country. She installed a lunch department in the schools of Santa Barbara, Calif. In Minneapolis, she organized Child Welfare work; in Providence, she was engaged in Social Service. At the time of her death she had charge of a Children's Home in Norwich, Conn.

All her work was carried on with a singleness of purpose and devotion to ideals that would be hard to match. Indeed, many of her colleagues found it difficult to keep up to her pace—she was often advancing faster than her column. The big-hearted spirit which had mothered her classmates during training continued to reach out afterwards toward any and all who were in need and helped them. Her memory will always be fragrant with the perfume of loving service for others.

Helen A. Jewel

Miss Helen A. Jewel died at the Baker Memorial Hospital, Boston, on March 22nd last.

Her record since completing her training at the Massachusetts General Hospital in 1900 has been most unusual, in that with one

or two comparatively short "cases", since 1901 she remained constantly in the home of Miss Clemm of Philadelphia and Villa Nova—until Miss Clemm's death in early January of this year.

Miss Jewell returned to New England and to her family late in January, far from well, but brave and cheery as always, and looked forward with keen anticipation to a restful and happy summer at her beloved Pigeon Cove—indeed many summers, her friends had hoped, knowing that a long "play day" had been provided for by Miss Clemm whom she had served so devotedly for over thirty years.

Her personal charm made her a universal favorite, and endeared her to all. She will be greatly missed. But if we are to carry on in her spirit, we shall not dwell upon our personal loss, which is indeed irreparable; we shall record our thanks that we have been associated with such a valiant soul, of whom it can be truly said, knowing her made many of us richer, and her death means for us the loss of something very precious.

Funeral services were held at the home of her sister, Mrs. Linville H. Wardwell, 52 High Street, Stoneham, on Sunday at 2 P. M. Burial in Waltham, Mass.

"Yet who would call the glad soul back
To rouse the resting clay?
Or who could wish that she might share
Our Morrow's toil and strife,
Who, loosed from Death and all its pains,
Has entered into Life?"

"The tribute to the memory of Helen A. Jewell was contributed by Miss Rosalie Bullock of Boston, a lifetime friend."

Bertha Harmer

Miss Bertha Harmer, one of the outstanding members of the nursing profession in Canada, and formerly an instructress in St. Luke's Hospital, New York, died in Toronto on December 14th. after an illness of three weeks. She was the author of "Principles and Practice of Nursing," a textbook which is used not only in leading hospitals in the United States and Canada but which has been translated into several languages. She died at the home of her sister, Mrs. J. A. Hossack.

A daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. John Harmer, she trained for nursing at the Toronto General Hospital, graduating in 1913. She then took Bachelor of Science and Master of Arts degrees at

Columbia University, New York. After a term as instructress at St. Luke's Hospital she went to New Haven, Conn., and assisted in the organization of the Yale School of Nursing. She was assistant professor at the Yale School of Nursing and assistant in administration at the New Haven Hospital until 1929, when she returned to Canada to become director of the School of Graduate Nurses at McGill University.

Dr. George H. Bigelow

After the long suspense of the last four months the body of Dr. George H. Bigelow was found March 23, 1935 within a short distance from his boyhood home.

Many tributes in his memory appeared in the Boston newspapers. The following tribute given by Mr. William Endicott, chairman of the board of trustees of the Massachusetts General Hospital during Dr. Bigelow's tenure as director appeared in the Boston Herald, March 24, 1935:

"He was a wonderful and a brilliant man. We were indeed fortunate in getting a director of such manifest ability. He was ideal for a hospital like the Massachusetts General. Everybody loved him, and he would have created an exceptional record. Obviously, he was a victim of overwork."

An Award to Miss Johnson

The Corporation of the Peter Bent Brigham Hospital has established a precedent in Schools of Nursing by making honorary awards of its school diploma and pin to nurses in its organization.

On October 19, 1916, such an award was made to Carrie M. Hall, R.N., the Principal of the School. On November 14, 1919, similar awards were made to Susie A. Watson, R.N., and Leone N. Ivers, R.N., who had been on the staff from the opening of the School of Nursing.

Sally Johnson, R.N., remained the only one of the first four members of the faculty who had not received such an award. She had served the Brigham School as its first instructor in nursing practice from October, 1912, to May, 1913, and as the first Assistant Superintendent of Nurses from May, 1913, to December, 1916. Miss Johnson was invited, therefore, to make the address at the graduation exercises of the Brigham School on November 23, 1934, and when diplomas were awarded, the President of the Corporation, Mr. Curtis, announced the awarding of the honorary diploma and pin of the Brigham School to her.

In establishing a new School of Nursing, graduates of other schools of necessity must be employed and, in a measure, become identified with it. This recognition of the efforts of these women is a graceful tribute to them as pioneers in a new enterprise, and is much appreciated by them.

Congratulations

We, the students of Teachers' College, congratulate the Alumnae Association and the Quarterly Record on their Fortieth and Twenty-fifth Anniversaries.

The value of the Association and the Quarterly has been great. Not only have they developed our nurses professionally, keeping them informed of the more recent technique in nursing, but they have contributed to the broadening of the individual nurse by supplementing the professional preparation with social and cultural activities which have increased her value to society.

The M.G.H. students at Teachers' College send sincere wishes for their continued success.

From the M.G.H. group at Teachers' College.

News from the M. G. H. Group at Teachers' College

College Attendance at Teachers' College

Mary E. Chayer (1910) is the faculty advisor of the Teachers' College Nursing Education Club for the academic year 1934-1935.

Josephine P. Prescott (1920) has been appointed instructor in the Department of Nursing Education of Teachers' College.

Ruth Sleeper (1922) is on the Isabel Hampton Robb Fellowship for the spring semester 1935. Miss Sleeper is working on the Curriculum Construction Committee.

Olive Ancill (1925) is on a Rockefeller Fellowship for the academic year 1934-1935.

Erna Kuhn (1914) has been elected for membership in the Kappa Chapter of the Kappa Delta Pi.

"Kappa Delta Pi is an honor society composed of men and women doing advanced or graduate work in education. The purpose of the fraternity is 'to encourage in its members a higher degree of devotion to social service. . . . To this end it shall invite to membership such person as exhibit worthy education ideals, sound scholarship, and adequate personal qualifications.'"

Claire Favreau (1925) was elected Vice-President of the Nursing Education Club for the academic year 1934-1935.

Esther Martenson (1925) resigned her position at the Vanderbilt University School of Nursing and is at Teachers' College for the spring semester. Miss Martenson has changed her major from administration in schools of nursing to public health nursing.

Kathleen Parks (1917) was obliged to temporarily discontinue her studies at Teachers' College because of ill health. Miss Parks hopes to return in the fall.

Helen Latham (1931) is majoring in Nursery School Kindergarten at Teachers' College. February 1, Miss Latham was appointed Director of the Nursery School at Bellevue Hospital to succeed Miss Mirma Wallace. She is continuing as part-time student at Teachers' College this semester.

College Attendance at Teachers' College

The names starred are the full-time students, the others are all holding positions and taking part-time work.

*Ruth Sleeper	1922	*Mary I. Leonard	1927
Dorothy Brown	1927	Anna Bentley	1915
Evelyn Stuart Clark		*Helen M. Giles	1924
*Olive Ancill	1925	Ann M. Taylor	1928
*Erna M. Kuhn	1914	Helen Latham	1931
*Claire Favreau	1925	*Margaret Devereaux	1920
*Esther Martenson	1925		

Schedule of Nursing Project Classes—Spring 1935

"An Afternoon on the Ward from the Patient-Nurse Viewpoint."
Time—Fri., Feb. 15, 1935—5:00-5:50 P.M.

Place—Ether Dome.

"Nursing Procedures in the Care of Surgical Conditions of the Thorax."

Time—Sat., Feb. 23, 1935—3:00-3:50 P.M.

Place—Ether Dome.

"Nursing Procedures in the Care of Surgical Conditions of the Thorax."

Time—Tues., Feb. 26, 1935—8:00-8:50 A.M.

Place—Ether Dome.

"Nursing Care of a Scarlet Fever Patient in the Home."

Time—Fri., Mar. 8, 1935—8:00-8:50 A.M.

Place—Ether Dome.

"Pediatric Nursing Care."

Time—Tues., Mar. 19, 1935—8:00-8:50 A.M.

Place—Ether Dome.

"Post-Operative Nursing Care."

Time—Tues., Apr. 2, 1935—8:00-8:50 A.M.

Place—Ether Dome.

"Nursing Care for the Typhoid Patient."

Time—Fri., Apr. 5, 1935—8:00-8:50 A.M.

Place—Ether Dome.

"Post-Operative Nursing Care."

Time—Tues., Apr. 9, 1935—8:00-8:50 A.M.

Place—Ether Dome.

"Nursing Care of a Scarlet Fever Patient in the Home."

Time—Tues., Apr. 16, 1935—8:00-8:50 A.M.

Place—Ether Dome.

"Nursing Care in Surgical Conditions of the Extremities."

Time—Wed., Apr. 17, 1935—8:00-8:50 A.M.

Place—Ether Dome.

"Some Nursing Procedures in the Care of Gynecological Patients."

Time—Wed., Apr. 17, 1935—5:00-5:50 P.M.

Place—Ether Dome.

"Some Nursing Procedures in the Care of Gynecological Patients."

Time—Fri., Apr. 26, 1935—8:00-8:50 A.M.

Place—Ether Dome.

"Nursing Care in Surgical Conditions of the Extremities."

Time—Fri., Apr. 26, 1935—3:00-3:50 P.M.

Place—Ether Dome.

"The Nurse and the Diabetic Patient."

Time—Fri., May 17, 1935—8:00-8:50 A.M.

Place—Ether Dome.

"Nursing Care in Genito Urinary Conditions."

Time—Wed., May 29, 1935—5:00-5:50 P.M.

Place—Upper O.P.D. Amphitheater.

Gift to the Training School Library

From Mrs. D. Burt Straight (Ruth Stickney, 1922), several magazines which were much appreciated.

There have been several responses to the request for the American Journal of Nursing and Public Health Nursing.

We are making another request and enclosing a copy of the missive needed in order to complete our reference files.

Wanted for the Training School Library

October 1905-June 1906, American Journal of Nursing. All twelve copies of the years 1909, 1910, 1911, 1912, 1913, 1914, 1915, 1917, November, December, 1918, January, April, September; 1919, January, February, May, September; 1920, April, May; 1922, February, May, June, August; 1925, July, October; 1926, January; 1927, October, November; 1928, October.

Public Health Nursing

Any issues from 1909 to 1922; 1923, February, March, September, October; 1924, February, September, November; 1925, January, February.

Hospital Changes Training School Office

Sally Mernin (1916) is acting as Miss Johnson's Assistant in the Training School Office while Ruth Sleeper (1922) is completing her work for Master's Degree at Teachers' College, New York.

Helen Burgess (1928) was appointed as Second Assistant to fill the vacancy left by Hannah Price Meredith (1929) who is studying at Boston University.

Dorothea Sewell Yens (1925) is Lower Ward Supervisor.

M. G. H. Caps

Produced from Miss Eunice Bradstreet, the Thayer, Massachusetts General Hospital. Price 35 cents, mail order 6 for \$2.30, 3 for \$1.25, postpaid. Also from Mrs. Mary F. McKay, 14 Grand Street, Portland, Me.

STUDENTS' PAGE

Editors

THELMA DORION, February 1933

LUCIENNE DORION, September 1932

OFFICERS 1934-1935

OF

STUDENT CO-OPERATIVE ASSOCIATION

President, HAZEL MACNEIL

Secretary, SALLY BROWN

Vice-President, FRANCES FOLEY

Treasurer, HARRIET WORKMAN

Mass Meeting

FRANCES FOLEY

A mass meeting of the Student Nurses' Co-operative Association was called to order February 20th, 1935, at 8 p.m. by the President, Miss Hazel MacNeill.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

The Treasurer's report, stating expenditures since last October 10, 1934, was read and approved.

A report of the Dormitory Board was given by Miss Frances Foley, Chairman of the Board. The report cited the decrease in the number of students brought before the board each month.

During the discussion of new business the question of midnight passes for preliminary first and second year students was brought up. It was decided that the above mentioned students will from this day forward have four midnight passes a year rather than one every three months; as senior students have one midnight pass every month they were not included in this group.

Miss Johnson gave a short talk emphasizing the need for greater social responsibility among the nurses. She commended the nurses

on their social activities during the first year, especially basketball, glee club and crafts club.

Secondly, Miss Johnson made an announcement to the effect that beginning Monday, February 24th, the use of the elevator in the Wolcott House after ten p.m. would be possible for those living on the fourth and fifth floors.

After the meeting adjourned, a short program was given by the makers of Campbell's soup after which crackers and tomato juice were served.

Informal Dance

THELMA INGLES

To do its bit in the winter program, the Class of 1936 sponsored an informal dance in the Wolcott living room on the evening of February 28. The decorations, though very simple, carried out a Japanese scheme and in keeping with this idea the checkroom girls, the Misses Rice and Kimball, wore Japanese coolie coats. Music for dancing was by the Royal Ramblers of Stoughton and Mr. Jensen, one of our McLean men affiliates, proved an excellent master of ceremonies.

The outstanding event of the evening was a dance contest won by Miss Edith Oakes and her escort, Paul Hellstrom. Their prize was a box of chocolates. Shortly thereafter a shoe dance provided a bit of excitement with each gentleman trying to find a lady to fit one of the slippers from the heap in the center of the floor.

Ice cream was served in the recreation room by the Misses Jennie Kornacki and Grace Washburn. The proceeds of the dance are to be used toward the senior ball next year.

Social

CATHERINE LEONARD, President of Class of '37

The Class of 1937 wishes to make the June Ball an enjoyable occasion for all who attend. We are proud of this social responsibility, which has been given to us and are indeed anxious to make the dance most successful. In December we banded together and pledged our wholehearted support to the event. The Class of 1937 has divided itself into ten groups, each of which has promised ten dollars—five from class dues, and the other five to be raised in any way seen fit.

So far our efforts have been made manifest in the form of a rummage sale, held in Wolcott House living room on January 31st. In February, taffy apples were sold in the homes, netting a goodly sum. Our March activity thus far has consisted of a very "lucious" cake sale, chiefly chocolate cake, which was sold in the homes. Our only regret being that we did not have more cake. We hope to have a dance in Wolcott living room sometime in the very near future to swell our increasing fund and make the June Ball of this year one to be proud of and to be remembered.

Capping Ceremony

THELMA INGLES

The probationers who entered training in September of 1934 were given their "caps" at a simple but effective ceremony on January 4th, 1935. The "Big Sisters" marched with their "Little Sisters" from the Wolcott House Recreation Room up the stairs to the Living Room where chairs were arranged facing a small platform.

Miss Johnson gave an inspiring talk to the younger students, welcoming them into the hospital group. Following this the older students presented their "Little Sisters" to Miss Johnson and she pinned on the new, but much-desired, cap.

After the Capping, Florence Korpella and Dorothy Smith sang a duet, "I Would Be True."

Thelma Ingles welcomed the younger students on the part of the "Big Sisters" and Hazel MacNeil officially invited them into the student body.

The ceremony ended with the singing of the "School Song."

Recent Graduates

The following nurses who have recently graduated are on the general graduate staff of the Hospital:

Alice Carson

Esther Merrill

Mary Lammers

Edith Roberts

Sarah McCullough

Helen Welch

Misses Brebbia, Ekman, English, Salmi are special nurses.

Misses Bicknell and Remick are at home.

Senior Ball

The Class of 1935 held its formal Senior dance in the Walcott House living room on February 1, 1935. About forty couples had a gay evening dancing to the excellent music of a seven piece orchestra. Subdued colored lights were caught and reflected by the cellophane drapes, and the whole atmosphere was made attractive by the addition of varicolored balloons and flowers. It was a jolly and happy finish to the three years spent at "dear old M. G. H." Our patrons joined whole heartedly into the spirit of the evening and added much to the occasion. We were most fortunate in having as patrons and patronesses Miss Sally Johnson, Miss Annabelle McCrae, Miss Olive Roberts, Miss Marion Stevens, Dr. Albert Engleback, Dr. and Mrs. William Snyder and Dr. and Mrs. Leo Burgin. The committee in charge of the affair was Miss Mildred Hoffman, Chairman of the Dance Committee; Miss Janet Putnam, Decoration; Miss Selma Hines, Orchestra; Miss Ruth Reinhart, Refreshments; Miss Sarah Toabe, Programs.

Basketball

The Massachusetts General Basketball Team has been pleasingly successful this season, winning four games out of five under the able coaching and managing of Miss Olive Roberts, the Social-Physical Director. Our squad included: Misses Eccles, White, Jipson, Scott, Gibbons, Rice, Roy, Barron, Shurtleff and Macauley, and Lillian Stelfox acting as captain.

Our only defeat was met in our first game against McLean in which the score was 22 to 24. We came through with flying colors, however, against that same team on January 24th ending with a score of 20-24 in our favor. We also won the 3rd game, 24-25.

The Dudley Street Baptist Church game was played on their floor. The outcome was 18-13 in our favor.

Welcoming the New Probationers

In the chill clear day of the 5th of February, fifty-one young maidens, high with the hopes of future interests, entered the precincts of Massachusetts General Hospital to start upon their chosen career of nursing. After the usual bustle of finding rooms and elusive luggage, the girls gathered with their friends in the Walcott

Living Room for a refreshing cup of tea served by members of the Training School Committee and to greet their future classmates with a pleasant "how-do-you-do."

Friday, the 15th, saw one end of our familiar gathering place in Walcott with a large curtain strung across it, and wierdly constructed horses, operating-room equipment, swords, gowns, etc., strewn "off stage." Why, of course, it is a Welcoming party for the girls in blue who, after the first ten days of study, are ready for some hearty relaxation!

Hilarious entertainment was in store. Eva Borrner's inimitable monologue of a would-be actress set the tone for the whole evening. Miss Johnson laughed until the tears rolled down her cheeks! Next—"The Toy Shop Romance," a charming little selection was sung and enacted by two tin soldiers (one with a very unruly hat!), a china doll and a little boy. A "shadow play" of operating technique as followed at Massachusetts General Hospital in which harrowing anatomical disorders were found left us with hair standing on end! The scenes then were completely changed as to the accompaniment of Miss Lane's harp and Andra Tobey at the piano, the girls gracefully displayed "What the well dressed nurse wears on her Long Sunday." Especial credit should be paid these girls for this very lovely presentation, and sincere thanks be also given the kind donors of gowns.

Dancing, sing-songs and chocolate ice cream served with happy chatter and laughter completed the evening. So, with the strains of "The Song for Massachusetts General Hospital" still on their lips, big and little sisters trundled off to bed exclaiming how much they had enjoyed the Probationer's Party!

Correction

On page 54, Quarterly Record—Marriage. The date of the marriage of Gertrude Luff (1922) should have been *December 1, 1934*.

Grandpa and grandma will probably have a terrible time getting their \$400 spent before the end of the month under the Townsend plan.—*Laconia News and Critic*.

S O C I A L

Graduate Dinner Dance

The Graduates held their Dinner Dance in the Crystal Ballroom of the Kenmore Hotel, February 13, 1935. It was well attended by seventy couples who thoroughly enjoyed the evening. The tables were very attractively arranged with favors, which were planned and made by Miss Alice Bailey (1930). The room was colorfully decorated with palms, and candles for each table. Music by Ken Reeves' orchestra was appreciated. The dance was chaperoned by Mr. and Mrs. William Lincoln (Ruth Drake, 1930) and Dr. and Mrs. Champ Lyons (Naomi Currier, 1930).

A Fifth Anniversary "Get-Together"

On March 3, 1930, the Baker Memorial Hospital admitted its first patients. In celebration of that day five years ago, the Charter Members had dinner together in the dining room at the Baker Memorial on March 4, 1935. There were present Dr. Frederic Washburn and daughter, Amy Washburn, Dr. and Mrs. Franklin Wood, Dr. and Mrs. Morgan Rhees, Misses Sally Johnson, Alveria Stevens, Frances Daily, Winona Abbott, Ilez Annear and Gertrude Gates.

Notes and Comments

Attendance at the February meeting of the Alumnae was 144.

If you missed Dr. Leland McKittrick's lecture on Circulatory Diseases "it is just too bad."

Be sure and save the last Tuesday in May for the last round-up of the season. There is a surprise in store for all the members.

We have tried our best to get news from all members that could be reached for you.

"I am out of touch" or "I never go there" are as sad comment as "It might have been." We can't afford as young graduates not to attend the Alumnae meetings. If you do you will soon be forgotten. An early Alumna writes, "I love the dear old M.G.H., its Alumnae and everything it stands for."

We congratulate Miss Caroline L. Anderson (1881) who celebrated her ninety-first birthday and Miss Anna Webber (1880) her eightieth birthday.

People We Know

We welcome Miss Grace B. Beattie, 1893, back to Mass. from her lovely visit with old-time friends in Summerside, P. E. I. Miss Beattie will be at 26 Everett Ave., Somerville, Mass., for the next few months; Miss Beattie was a Charter Member of the Alumnae.

Miss Esther Dart, 1891, writes from Daytona Beach, 17 South Oleander Ave. The picture of the Board Walk along the Atlantic Ocean, where she takes her daily walks, makes one desire such a change at this time of the year.

Mrs. Roderick McLennan (nee Caroline M. Woodmansee, 1892) of Quincy, Mass., has spent the winter months at Daytona Beach.

The friends of Miss Emma A. Mortimer, 1904, Clinton Hospital, Mass., were happy to greet her at the last Alumnae meeting. It was the first meeting for some years she had attended.

The friends of Miss Ethel Doherty, 1909, will be pleased to welcome her to Massachusetts in April. She spent the winter in Victoria, British Columbia.

Mrs. E. L. Healey (Marion A. Fuller, 1915), writes from the French Quarter, Shanghai, China, that the recent uprising in China did not affect them at all except to hear the bombarding at a distance.

Margaret W. Stevenson, 1890, is at the present time having a vacation in Los Angeles, at the Mayflower Hotel.

Miriam Curtis, 1918, Cooley Dickinson Hospital, Northampton, Mass., has been appointed Chairman, Massachusetts State Committee on Red Cross Nursing Service to succeed Miss Ruth Sleeper.

Mrs. John Poerig (nee Rena Pierce, 1912), after fifteen years in Social Service at the Mt. Sinai Hospital, New York, has recently been appointed Public Health Nurse under the Nassau County, Long Island, New York, Public Health Committee.

The work is under the State Civil Service and specializes in Maternity, Infant and Social Hygiene.

Marie E. Hanscom (1931) is Assistant Instructor in Practical Nursing at the Central Dispensary and Emergency Hospital, 1711-1725 New York Ave., Washington, D. C.

Ruth Harrington (1932) will assist Miss Martha Ruth Smith in the Nursing Technique Course at Simmons College during the summer semester.

Helen Newton Everett (1920) sailed from New York, January 5th, 1935, for Southern Rhodesia, Africa, via Gibraltar and Cape Town. She expected to start her duties as a teacher on January 29th at the Mount Silinda Institute. After one year Miss Everett

hopes to return to the Hospital at Kapanga in the Belgian Congo where she formerly spent six and a half years in the missionary.

Agnes G. Patten (1920) has resigned as Operating-room Supervisor at the Massachusetts Eye and Ear Infirmary. Margaret Sybil Isabel Murray (1927) succeeds Miss Patten.

Helen Daly (1922) is relieving in the Massachusetts General Hospital Admitting Office.

Estelle LeMaitre (1931) is convalescing at the Harrington Memorial Hospital, Southbridge, Massachusetts, following an appendectomy.

Sympathy is extended to Rachel Metcalfe McManus (1920) for the loss of her husband.

Alice M. White (1930) and Marjorie Chick (1930) have returned to their head nurse duties on Ward 27 and Ward 29, after a convalescence of two weeks in Hamilton, Bermuda.

Margaret Murray (1927) has resigned her position as Obstetrical Supervisor of Bridgeport Hospital, Bridgeport, Conn.

Vieno T. Johnson (1929) is filling the place of Esther Martenson (1925) as Assistant to the Superintendent of Nurses, Vanderbilt University Hospital, Nashville, Tennessee.

BIRTHDAYS

Nurse to Observe 91st Anniversary

Miss Caroline Anderson to Celebrate Event

at Old Ladies Home, December 4, 1934

Believed to be the oldest graduate nurse in Lowell, Miss Caroline Anderson, a resident of the Old Ladies' Home here since 1911, today will celebrate her 91st birthday anniversary. A diploma on file with records at the home testifies to Miss Anderson's graduation from the Massachusetts General Hospital in 1881.

Still in excellent health for all her nine decades, Miss Anderson walks to a nearby store every Saturday night for her newspaper, often walks to the First Congregational Church, of which she is a member, and frequently walks downtown. Her only disability is a slight deafness, which she does not mind, since it keeps her from hearing the rest of the world grumble, she says. Officials of the home told reporters yesterday that Miss Anderson has "a sweet and lovable disposition."

She was born in Windham, N. H. Today there will be open house at the home and the celebrant will enjoy a birthday cake sent in by friends yesterday.

Miss Anderson graduated in the Class of 1881.

Anna M. Webber (1880) celebrated her 80th birthday, November 5, 1934. She lives at 12 Court St. Place, Augusta, Maine.

Soon after her birthday she started for San Diego, California, by way of Florida to make a trip she has long been planning. While in Boston she called on Miss Johnson, who was very much surprised with her dignity and loveliness.

ILLNESS

It is with sincere regret that the many friends of Miss Marion B. Dibblee (1898) learn that she is a patient in Ward E of the Massachusetts General Hospital.

Miss Margaret Griffin (1908) who was ill in Ward E for six weeks is spending a convalescent period at her home at 34 Glendale Ave., Everett, Mass.

Miss Griffin has been Industrial Welfare Worker for the Boston Elevated Railway for last sixteen years.

We are sure she would be glad to hear from any of her friends as she is still confined to her room.

Filomena Di Cicco (1922) who is a patient at the Channing Home, Boston, is making a favorable recovery.

Marriages

On Sunday, January 27, 1935, in the City of Washington, D. C., Margaret Hillis (1926) and Edward Winchester Goff.

On February 10, 1934, at North Windham, Connecticut, Esther Anne Watts (1931) and Arthur Theodore Stohlhom.

Births

On February 18, 1935, a son Cornelius Hawkins Hawes, Jr. to Dr. and Mrs. Cornelius Hawkins Hawes (Abbey-Helen Dennison, 1924).

A son Frederick Blake Edling to Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Edling (Leila M. Child, 1920), Malango Angola, Africa.

Dr. and Mrs. Oliver Cope of Marlboro Street are announcing the birth of a son, Robert DeNormandie Cope at Phillips House. Mrs. Cope is the former Alice DeNormandie, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Robert DeNormandie of Lincoln.

On October 5, 1934, a daughter, Nancy Eleanor to Mr. and Mrs. Chester W. Stanley (Bertha Robinson, 1924) at Southwest Harbor, Maine.

New Addresses

Mrs. John Francis Forward (Irene Loudon Howard, 1917) gives her address as 281 Collins St., Hartford, Conn.

That of Miss Mildred H. Calverly (1932) is 1606 North Fremont Ave., Tuscon, Arizona.

Miss Annabelle McCrae resides at 410 Stuart St., Boston, Mass.

Where to Write

1. Send letters for publication of marriages, births, engagements, news, queries as to addresses, etc., to, Melissa J. Cook, Melrose Hospital, Melrose, Mass.

2. Change of address to, Walborg L. Peterson, Massachusetts General Hospital, Boston, Massachusetts.

3. Annual dues with change of address to, Annie C. Carstensen, Massachusetts General Hospital, Boston, Massachusetts.

4. Send obituary notices to, Miss Elizabeth Hatlow, 1111 Bolyston St., Boston, Massachusetts.

5. Send Sick Relief dues to, Bessie Fullerton, 135 High Street, Brookline, Massachusetts.

6. Send donations for the Endowment Fund to Miss Sally Johnson, Massachusetts General Hospital.

7. For the Loan Fund to, Miss Katherine Pierce.

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Fairview, a vacation and week-end house for nurses, situated at Rowley, Mass., and steadily growing in popularity, is open throughout the year. Board and lodging, \$1.50 per day for student nurses; \$2.00 per day for graduate nurses; and \$2.50 per day for any friend a nurse may be allowed to take there. Stay is limited to two weeks. Each guest is expected to take care of her room. For reservations write to the Hostess, Miss Christina Wieck, or telephone Rowley 24-2.

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EDITORIALS

We rightfully glance backward with gratitude, pride and joy at the achievements of the past, but we also earnestly measure the glorious opportunity of the future and assume the responsibility handed on to us by our honored predecessors.

A search through the Alumnae record of the years 1895 to 1935 for the important dates yields not a word of the unselfish devotion of the time and energy of the officers of the Alumnae and its committees.

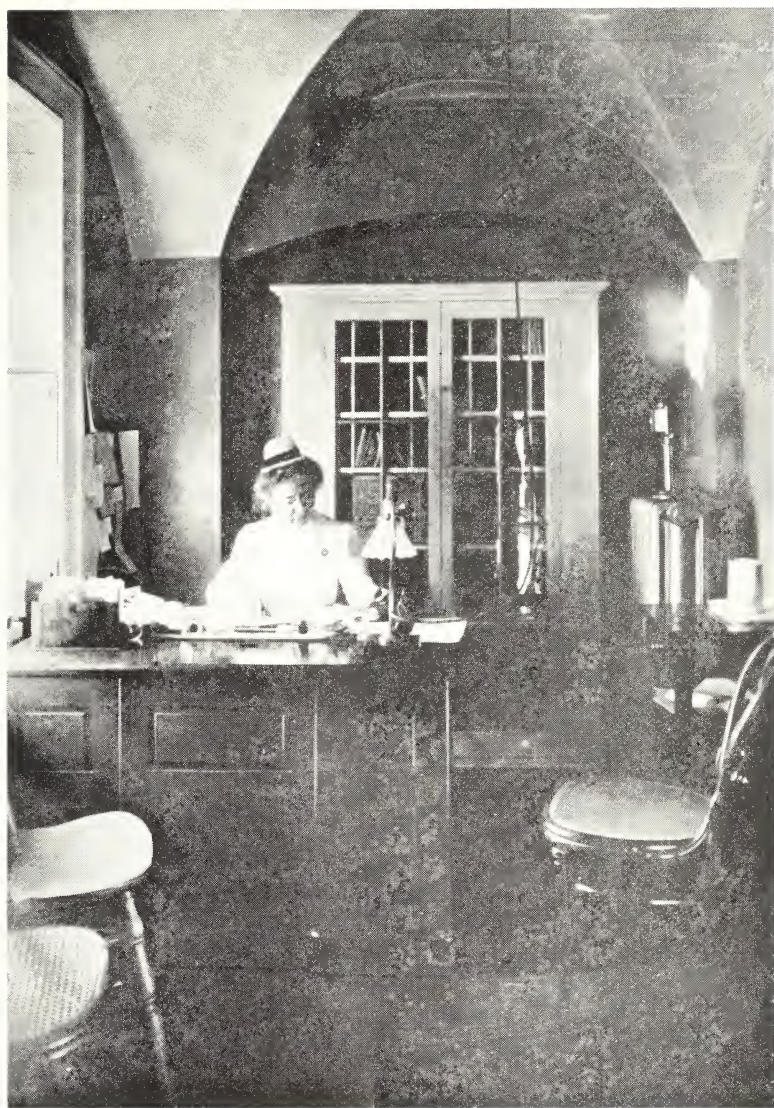
We pay tribute to all these great women who by their loyalty and love for their Alma Mater have placed their Alumnae Organization in the front rank.

Dedication

IT is eminently suitable that this Twenty-Fifth Anniversary Number of "The Quarterly Record" be dedicated to

MISS SARA E. PARSONS

for her great contributions to the Massachusetts General Hospital Training School for Nurses and to the Alumnae Association, and for her continued love and interest



MISS SARA E. PARSONS

A SONG FOR M. G. H.

MARGARET A. DIETER (1916)

Her ivied columns rise to meet
The glory of the Bulfinch Dome,
Serene, unruffled, beautiful,
She waits to bid us welcome home!

From many lands, o'er many days,
We brought to her our restless youth,
And she with patience, took us all,
And set us in the way of truth.

Stern Teacher, kindly, too, withal
Who saw the faults we could not hide,
And building on our better selves,
She wrought results that shall abide.

What if she gave us arduous toil,
She taught us reverence for our work,
To ease the suffering, lighten pain,
There is no task we dare to shirk.

Where life and death are side by side,
And creeds and races strangely blend,
To share these things from day to day,
She helped us each to find a friend.

Oh, gracious Guardian of our past,
Thy children rise to honor thee,
God bless and keep thee, M. G. H.,
Secure through all the years to be!

This poem was first published in the QUARTERLY RECORD of September, 1920. It was later set to music by Mr. George Stebbins. It was sung for the first time at the Graduation Exercises, January 5, 1922.

Twenty-fifth Birthday of The Quarterly Record

This issue of THE QUARTERLY RECORD is, in part, a memorial to the first issue of March, 1911, and that is why THE QUARTERLY has a new birthday jacket and while the Endowment Fund is reminiscing, why shouldn't THE QUARTERLY RECORD. It bears a shiny page in the Alumnae history.

In 1910 Miss Sara E. Parsons proposed that the Alumnae Association edit a Quarterly Record which would give news of the nurses and carry articles on some piece of work they had done to help others of our Alumnae. In the history of the Training School for Nurses she states "THE QUARTERLY RECORD became the graduates hold-together since 1911, when it was launched with Alice O. Tippet, 1889, as its able editor until 1913."

Mrs. H. S. Chapman was the Business Manager with Miss Bessie Fullerton as Assistant Manager.

Again quoting from Miss Parson's history—"It has proved a blessing to the graduates and to the School for through it the Alumnae have been able to keep in touch with each other and it has been an inspiring letter from home to many a wanderer."

At first the cover was light brown and bore "The Quarterly Record, Boston, and Massachusetts General Hospital Alumnae Association". March 1913 when two years old its Business Manager Miss Sally M. Johnson changed its coat to dark brown, placed the seal of the Massachusetts General Hospital on the upper left of the cover with the title "The Quarterly Record of the Massachusetts General Hospital Nurses' Alumnae Association." It was not until 1914 that the officers of the Alumnae were recorded and in March 1924 the page of General Information was added to the front. In the December Issue, 1916, while Miss Helen Wood was editor, the senior class took part giving their older sisters some idea of what they were doing.

Until March 1932 THE QUARTERLY RECORD operated without a committee to guide it, but the Alumnae then added The Quarterly Record Committee to the Standing Committees with Miss Carrie M. Hall as the first chairman; at the March meeting, 1933, she made the first report for the committee and recommended that the mailing of THE QUARTERLY be turned over to W. S. Best Co.

December 1932 The Quarterly Committee added a reporter on Alumnae meeting to the Staff making sure no important action should be omitted.

Since January 1934 Miss Agnes V. Murphy has been chairman of THE QUARTERLY RECORD Committee and Miss Hilda Blaisdell the reporter of all meetings.

The story of THE QUARTERLY RECORD is not merely the story of it, but of the Alumnae Organization and its members and their activities. Subscription to the magazine is included in our membership dues.

Some of the Alumnae's most faithful names are woven into it—there is Miss Alice O. Tippet, Miss Charlotte M. Perry, Miss Esther Dart, Miss Laura A. Wilson, Miss Helen Wood.

The editor does not do all the work of getting out THE QUARTERLY. The assistant editors, the training school office, and all the Alumnae help; some write articles on some piece of work they have done which help others of the Alumnae and writing in your Alumnae Magazine may give you an interest in writing for the American Journal of Nursing.

In the early years THE QUARTERLY had a smaller group to reach and therefore it meant a smaller financial outlay costing \$624.06 for the year 1919 as against \$854.77 for the year 1934.

We have had many happy returns from our Alumnae Membership. We are happy when an Alumna writes she has enjoyed the news we send and promises to help all she can by sending the news of interest concerning our members.

The future usefulness of THE QUARTERLY is in your hands. You have helped to bring it about, help it to live and give.

Our Exchange List

The Johns Hopkins Nurses Alumnae Magazine.

Mount Sinai Alumnae News.

The Alumnae Journal—Peter Bent Brigham Hospital.

St. Luke's Alumnae Bulletin.

The A. N. A. Bulletin.

The Quarterly Magazine of the Alumnae Association, Presbyterian Hospital School of Nursing, New York.

Newton Nurses' Alumnae Bulletin.

St. Luke's Alumnae Bulletin—New.

New York Post-Graduate Nurses' Alumnae Bulletin.

The Roosevelt Review—Roosevelt Hospital, New York.

T W E N T Y Y E A R S
of
T H E E N D O W M E N T F U N D

As the raising of the Endowment Fund has been the most outstanding work of the Alumnae Association, we have reviewed THE QUARTERLY RECORDS of twenty years to give you in one article the history and its purpose.

The first appeal for this fund was made by Miss Sara E. Parsons in 1914 and in the Graduation address January 15, 1915, she suggested that a fitting way to celebrate the fiftieth anniversary of the school in 1923 would be for the graduate nurses of the Massachusetts General Hospital to raise an endowment fund for the school, to be presented to the trustees of the hospital on the occasion. Miss Parsons followed this up by the initial contribution of two hundred dollars.

In August 1915 the committee on the Endowment Fund, appointed by the Alumnae with Miss Parsons, Chairman, sent out circulars and pledge cards to every graduate of the school whose address was on file in the training school office; the amount held before the Alumnae as the goal to be reached was \$500,000 to be applied solely to the educational work of the school. Miss Parsons was the guiding spirit; she urged her audiences to tell people facts that they ought to know about nursing as they made their requests for contributions.

The reaction was encouraging; by December 1916 the fund had reached \$2,598.50.

During the years between 1917-1919 the hospital and Alumnae had focussed its attention on the war. On July 19th, 1917, Base Hospital No. 6 left New York for the War Zone and with it Miss Parsons as Chief Nurse. With the return of the Unit in April 1919 and Miss Parsons on October 1, 1919, enthusiasm and interest revived; by September 1919 the fund amounted to \$4,860.50.

At the Alumnae meeting of January 1920 it was voted to raise \$10,000 more by 1923 to celebrate the golden anniversary of the school; a new Endowment Fund Committee was appointed—Carrie M. Hall, Marie Ells, Sophia Eastman, with Laura A. Wilson, Chairman of the general committee, and plans were made for every kind of an affair. There were cake and candy sales, Reunions and In-gathering and Out-going parties, theatre and card parties, and May and June parties; the Hope Chest and even the old Brass Tray was pressed into service; Clare Dennison (1918) put on an Alice in Wonderland play in April realizing about four hundred dollars.

Miss Alice Scott (1883) made very generous contributions to the fund to redeem her pledge representing many hours of sewing on fancy bags for the sales.

Mary Lynch (1881) left a bequest of one hundred dollars to the Alumnae. It was voted to add this to the Endowment Fund.

At this period an Alumna left by bequest nine thousand dollars which was also added for the same purpose.

In 1925 the Hospital received \$10,463.73 under the will of Miss Pauline L. Dolliver for the Massachusetts General Hospital Training School for Nurses' Endowment Fund. Miss Dolliver also donated one hundred dollars (\$100) both in 1920 and 1921 to this fund.

On October 1, 1920, after Miss Parsons resigned from the school, she consented to write the history of the school. The proceeds from the sale of this book has increased the fund greatly.

Miss Mabel Morse Hardy (1894) in a note accompanying a check for \$50—one for each year of the training school life said, "Money can never repay what the school did for me."

A gift of one thousand dollars was sent by one in memory of her parents.

During the first years each donation was transferred directly to the Trustees of the Hospital for investment—the Deed of Gift showed that amount to be ten thousand, three hundred and twenty dollars and seventy-five cents (\$10,320.75).

In 1920 the Alumnae decided to hold all further contributions to be transferred on the fiftieth anniversary.

The great event was nearing. Preparations were made for the part the Endowment Fund Committee had to take in the Pageant of October 16, 1923. In the 13th scene Miss Laura A. Wilson (1886), Chairman of the Alumnae Endowment Fund Committee, for the Alumnae made a presentation of \$11,268.15 to Mr. George Wigglesworth for the Trustees.

On April 2, 1924, the Deed of Gift was executed by Miss Edith I. Cox, President of Alumnae Association and Miss Rubie M. Smith, the Secretary. We refer you to QUARTERLY RECORD, June 1924, page 22, for the whole copy of the Deed of Gift. Paragraph 4 states, "that a committee of 5 members shall be created, one to be a trustee of the Massachusetts General Hospital, designated by the Trustees; one a lady of the Advisory Committee of the Training School; one to be of the Massachusetts General Nurses' Alumnae Association, chosen by the Association for 3 years, and the Director of the Hospital for the time, and the Superintendent of Nurses, and Principal of Training School for the time. One of the duties of such committee shall be to consider and carry out ways and means

of additions to the fund—the hope of the donors being that the fund may ultimately reach the sum of at least 500,000 dollars.”

The Endowment Fund Deed of Gift is in the Treadwell Library.

The Endowment Fund Committee was for four years, under Miss Wilson's leadership.

In February 1925 Miss Laura Wilson and Miss Carrie M. Hall resigned from the committee. Miss Sophia Eastman was elected as Chairman of the Committee.

In January 1935 the Endowment Fund Committee reported \$2,093.39 in the savings bank which, when added to the fund, makes a total of \$53,000 now held in trust by the Hospital Trustees as the Training School Endowment Fund.

A Note to Graduates Concerning Application Blanks

We are encouraged when application blanks are sent to us for post-graduate work, for in many instances this is evidence of continued study and preparation.

It is our policy to return these blanks as soon as possible and to have the records summarized, that they may be of most value to our graduates. We ask your cooperation when forwarding a request that you allow us a reasonable length of time for completing the blank. Wherever it is possible, enclose a form of the school for which the application is requested or a State Board blank where registration is applied for.

The Helen Wood Hall

In honor of Miss Helen Wood, 1909, the Alumnae and Nurses of the University of Rochester School of Nursing, Rochester, New York, because of their love and admiration for her, have named the palatial nurses' residence The Helen Wood Hall. The following is an excerpt taken from "The Pioneer" the Alumnae magazine and contributed by Miss Jennie McIntosh, 1902:

"All alumnae, especially those who had the privilege of knowing Miss Wood as superintendent of nurses, will appreciate the honor she has done us in allowing us to use her name in this way. Arrangements have been made to have it cut from stone over the doorway. So may the name of Helen Wood become a permanent inspiration to all who pass beneath it."

Massachusetts General Nurses' Alumnae Loan Fund

At the April 1928 meeting of the Alumnae Association a letter was read from Miss R. Louise Metcalf (1920) asking the Alumnae to consider the advisability of creating a loan fund for Graduate study at Teacher's College or some other college. A committee known as the Loan Fund Committee was appointed to investigate this matter—Adaline Chase, Annabella McCrae, Helen Redfern, Clare Dennison, Helene Lee.

The committee reported at the October 1928 meeting and was authorized, subject to the Executive Board, to make plans for raising a fund to be known as the M. G. H. Loan Fund. The Executive Board voted money to cover the expense of starting a drive for contributions to the fund. A sum of two thousand dollars was the goal set from which a yearly loan of \$500 was to be made, this loan to be paid back over a period of four years, five hundred dollars always being available. Fourteen hundred circular-letters were sent out; every Alumna was asked to make a sacrifice to help a promising Alumna to become a better head nurse, supervisor, instructor, administrator or public health nurse.

On July 20, 1929 the first contribution was made to the fund.

By June 21, 1930 the fund had reached \$1803.37; the first loan was granted for the Autumn semester of 1930 for study in supervision at Teacher's College.

By June 6, 1931 the fund had reached its goal of \$2000, built largely by small gifts of \$1, \$2 and \$3.

Eagerly the committee worked hoping to make the first loan by the Autumn of 1929.

There was one subscription of \$100 and \$158.60 was raised from the Graduate Nursing Staff of the M. G. H.

The Loan Fund Committee for 1934 reported at the annual meeting, January 1935, that in the four years since the fund was established nine members of the Alumnae had benefitted by this fund, the users of the fund being faithful in repaying loans. There was in the treasury on December 31, 1934, \$1204.19.

The establishment of the fund by the Alumnae has been justified by the calls made upon it. If the funds were larger the scope of the work could be extended.

M. G. H. Caps

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Sick Relief Association — Massachusetts General Hospital Nurses' Alumnae

1909 — 1935

The Sick Relief Association is now over twenty-five years old and therefore, it seems fitting to give a brief survey of its early beginnings and up to the present time.

For a number of years, previous to 1909, the need had been growing for some form of loan or benefit association to aid graduates of the school through acute illness and convalescence. Ways and means of raising a nucleus on which to build a fund had been discussed from time to time

At a meeting of the Massachusetts General Hospital Nurses' Alumnae held at the Baptist Hospital, Parker Hill, May 1909, it was voted to organize a Sick Relief Association connected with the Alumnae. Only nurses in good standing in the Alumnae Association were eligible for membership. The membership fee was to be \$5.00 per year and the fund was not to be drawn upon until it had reached \$1000.

The following are the names of the Charter Members—Total 32:

Miss Thirza Wright	Miss Emma Anderson
Miss Elizabeth Hatlow	Miss Mary V. O. Riley
Miss Katherine Davis	Miss Jessie E. Grant
Miss Virginia C. Hall	Miss Alice O. Tippet
Miss Maud A. Pearson	Miss Charlotte Perry
Miss Imilda L. Dowden	Miss Jane F. Riley
Miss E. Grace McLeay	Miss Mary L. Cole
Miss Elizabeth Conway	Miss Esther Dart
Miss Sara E. Parsons	Miss Annie Smith
Miss Margaret A. Coull	Miss Elizabeth M. Booker
Mrs. Mary K. Johannesson	Miss Bessie Fullerton
Miss Margaret M. J. Ross	Miss Lina M. Watt
Miss Annie Fletcher	Miss Helen A. Jewell
Mrs. E. V. Glidden	Miss Annabella McCrae
Mrs. M. A. MacQuarrie	Miss Mary Lynch
Miss Edith M. Clark	Miss Eunice A. Smith

It is interesting at this point to mention that of the 32 Charter Members, 17 are still members of the Association; 10 have died; 5 have resigned. Nearly all have served as Officers of the Association, many over a period of many years. To them much of the success of the Association is due.

From 1909 to 1910 funds were raised by such means as a Birthday Party, membership fees and contributions.

The financial report read at the first meeting of the Association in May 1910, was

Birthday Party	\$364.52
Membership Fees	155.00
Contributions	27.17
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	\$546.69

The First Officers of the Association were:

Miss Esther Dart, *President*

Miss Jane F. Riley, *Vice-President*

Miss Annie H. Smith, *Treasurer*

Miss Edith M. Clark, *Secretary*

Miss Imilda L. Dowden, *Executive Committee*

Mrs. M. Johannesson, *Executive Committee*

Miss Katherine Davis, *Executive Committee*

Mrs. M. A. MacQuarrie, *Executive Committee*

Miss Maud A. Pearson, *Executive Committee*

The Officers of the Association held many meetings during the first year, planning and discussing ways and means of raising money. Early in 1911 a Pound Party was held, the proceeds amounting to \$173.43. Membership fees had increased to \$175.00. One full benefit had been paid during the year. The balance in the bank on May 13, 1911, was \$1071.51.

Three benefits were paid in 1912 leaving a balance in the bank of \$1315.57. Plans for a Fair, to be held in the Fall, were in progress. At a meeting of the Executive Committee and members of the Alumnae, November 4, 1912, a letter was read from Dr. Mann of Trinity Church advising the Association that the Trinity

Parish Hall was available for November 19. The Fair was held on November 19 with very satisfactory results. The net returns were \$900.25. A party given by the Massachusetts General Hospital Nurses the same year brought \$48.00.

Another Fair was held on October 27-28, 1913, at the New England Women's Club, 585 Boylston Street, Boston. The net returns were \$733.28.

Two benefits amounting to \$100. were reported as paid at the Annual Meeting in May 1914. The bank balance had increased to \$3,361.27.

The Pound Party held in November 1914 brought in \$302.03.

The Association had a bank balance of \$4,063.50 in May 1915. Two benefits were paid during the year. The funds of the Association were deposited in five banks. Many meetings were held during 1915 and 1916. The principal business was a plan for the incorporation of the Association. A committee was appointed to investigate the procedure for such.

The legacy of \$2000 was left the Association in the will of Mr. Frank W. Boles. Two Silver Teas were given as a means of raising money instead of holding a Fair. The first Silver Tea on November 16, 1915, netted \$10.50. The second Silver Tea on January 16, 1916, netted \$40.00.

The Association was duly incorporated on June 2, 1916 under the name of the Sick Relief Association of the Massachusetts General Hospital Nurses' Alumnae.

From 1916, the year of incorporation, to 1918, the funds of the Association had steadily grown. The balance on hand May 1, 1918 was \$7,079.89. The Association had purchased two Liberty Bonds each for \$300. This purchase marked, for the first time, an investment outside of Savings Banks. The total membership in 1921 was 100. During the same year nine benefits amounting to \$570. were paid. The balance was \$8174.93.

A bequest of \$200. was received from the estate of Miss Maud A. Pearson one of our Charter Members. Benefits amounting to \$810. were paid during the year. The balance on hand was \$9534.66.

A Bridge and Whist Party, held at the Massachusetts General Hospital in 1927, brought in \$266.90. Graduates of the Alumnae on duty at the Strong Memorial Hospital, Rochester, New York, held a Bridge Party which netted \$32.00, in conjunction with that at the Massachusetts General Hospital.

The membership fees in 1930 amounted to \$955.45. The interest on Savings Banks was \$451.20. Benefits were paid amounting to \$590.00. The bank balance was \$12,829.41.

A Bridge and Whist Party, held at the Massachusetts General Hospital in February 1933, netted \$160.

The membership fees in 1935 amounted to \$800.25. The interest on savings in banks was \$507.45. The total income for the year was \$1300.72. Disbursements were \$631.44. The balance on hand on May 1, was \$15,975.13.

The Association began paying benefits in 1912. One hundred and eighty-nine benefits amounting to \$12,133.00 were paid. The largest amount paid in one year was paid in 1932. This amounted to \$1125.

The aim of the Association is to include every member of the Alumnae in order, that in case of illness, all may obtain benefits from the organization.

When one surveys the Sick Relief Association from its early beginnings in 1909 to the present time, one looks with gratification to those who have so loyally supported the Organization by membership, and in contributing time, money and effort to the cause of bringing it to its present substantial status.

The death of Jane F. Riley (1888) and Harriet O. Coombs (1885) has taken from our Sick Relief Association two of its most active members.

Miss Riley was a Charter member and the first Vice-President of the Association. Though she preferred not to hold office, she was always ready and eager to help in every way possible, and gave generously of her time and energy in the early days of the Association, when the influence of each loyal member was a great asset.

Miss Coombs joined the Association early in 1911 and was for many years its faithful and efficient treasurer and its success is due in no small part to her sound judgment and valued advice concerning the investment of funds. She also gave generously of her time and effort to the Organization.

High Lights of Alumnae Records

- 1895—February 14, organization of the Alumnae Association. The name—The Alumnae Association of the Boston Training School for Nurses, attached to the Massachusetts General Hospital.
- 1895—October 29. Voted: That three meetings, including the annual, be held yearly. Committee appointed to draft a code of ethics.
- 1896—October. Constitution amended to change the name of the Alumnae because of the Massachusetts General Hospital taking control of the Boston Training School.
- 1901—February. Discussion on a plan to raise funds to buy a piano for the school. Later a gift of a piano was made.
- 1903—November. The thirtieth anniversary of the founding of the School.
- 1904—December. The first Sick Benefit committee appointed.
- 1906—May. Twenty-five dollars received toward a free bed.
- 1907—January 28. Voted: To endow a bed for the use of any graduate of the training school.
- 1908—February 24. Endorsed the bill for State Registration of Nurses.
- 1908—March 31. Voted: That the annual dues be raised to \$2.00. Miss Esther Dart appointed on the Revision Committee.
- 1908—March 31. Voted: That the five thousand dollars for the free bed be handed to the Trustees by Miss Pauline L. Dolliver.
- 1908—April 28. Voted: That the Alumnae give \$50.00 toward the Chelsea Relief Fund.
- 1908—May 26. Miss Jane F. Riley, Miss Esther Dart and Miss Bessie Fullerton be appointed a committee to consider a sick relief fund.
- 1913—January 13. The Alumnae gives a pin to Miss Helen Nivison for the best kept notebook and to Miss Alice Wescott and Miss Agnes Trull for excellence of papers written on assigned subjects.
- 1914—January 27. A reception given to Miss Alice O. Tippet on the occasion of her retirement.



MISS ALICE O. TIPPET
First Editor of the Quarterly Record
1911-1913



MISS LAURA A. WILSON
Chairman of the Endowment Fund
1919-1925



MISS MARIA B. BROWN
The First President of the Alumnae Asso.
1895-1898



MISS BLANCHE M. THAYER
Charter Member of the Alumnae
President 1898



MISS MARY L. KEITH
Charter Member of the Alumnae
President 1900

- 1914—September. Discussion of the "Nurses' bill."
- ✓ 1914—October. Miss Sara Parsons suggests the raising of an endowment fund to celebrate the fiftieth anniversary of the school in 1923.
- 1914—December. Voted: Twenty-five dollars to American Red Cross.
- 1915—May. A contribution of twenty dollars was made in aid of the Belgian Red Cross Hospitals.
- 1915—September 13-14. Twentieth Reunion of the Alumnae. Miss Linda Richards, Miss Anna C. Maxwell and Miss Pauline L. Dolliver, former Superintendents of the Training School for Nurses, were present.
- 1915—December meeting. Voted: Twenty-five dollars to the McIsaac Loan Fund and the Isabel Hampton Robb Memorial Fund. Voted: A gift of fifty dollars to a member of the Alumnae who was ill.
- 1917—March. Preparedness active in Base Hospital Unit No. 6.
- 1917—June 3. Farewell service of "Base Hospital No. 6" held at Trinity Church in which the dedication of flags and the address were made by Bishop Lawrence.
- 1917—April meeting. Fifty dollars given towards the "Walter J. Dodd Memorial Fund."
- 1915-16-17—Alumnae members on the Eastern Front, in Mexico, France and England.
- 1917—May 7. Miss Carrie M. Hall (1906), as Chief Nurse of the Brigham Unit, left Boston for France.
- 1917—June 29. At 10 p.m. Base Hospital No. 6, Sara E. Parsons, as Chief Nurse, left Boston for the War Zone, sailing from New York on July 11.
- 1917—July 24, 5 p. m. Miss Carrie M. Hall held a pseudo Alumnae Meeting in France, on the sand dunes near the English Channel. There were eighteen Alumnae present.
- 1917—October. Voted: One hundred dollars toward the "State Census Survey."
- 1918—March. "A song for M. G. H.", written by Margaret A. Deiter (1916).

- 1918—August. Base Hospital No. 55 in command of Major Balch, Jessie E. Grant (1906), as Chief Nurse, sailed for France.
- 1918—Miss Annabella McCrae organized the teaching of Practical Nursing in the Army School of Nursing at Camp Devens, Massachusetts.
- 1918—June. A change in the Constitution and By-Laws of the Alumnae regarding dues—active membership in the Alumnae, carrying membership in the State and National Associations.
- 1918—December. Voted: To hold Alumnae meetings in the afternoons and evenings, alternately.
- 1919—March 24. Base Hospital No. 6 landed in U. S. A.
- 1919—April 6. Arriving at Camp Devens, Mass.
- 1919—May 27. At the Alumnae meeting Lieut.-Colonel Washburn gave a talk on the "Achievements of our Alumnae in the War Zone."
- 1919—June 9. The Trustees tendered a formal reception to all who had served overseas. Held in Rotunda of the Moseley Memorial Administration Building.
- ✓ 1919—October. Sara E. Parsons returned to take up her duties as Superintendent of Nurses.
- 1919—October. Meeting of the Alumnae. Miss Helen Wood was presented with a pendant from the Alumnae in deep appreciation for her services.
- 1919—November. Voted: One hundred dollars to the Florence Nightingale Training School for Nurses in Bordeaux, France—the Memorial to our American Nurses who gave their lives in the Great World War.
- 1920—February 23. 25th Anniversary of the organization of the Alumnae Association. Miss M. E. P. Davis was made an active honorary member of the Association. Miss Sophia F. Palmer (1878) sent a brief review of important historic events in which she and Miss Davis participated in the founding of the Alumnae; also the Massachusetts State Nurses' Association, the American Nurses' Association and the American Journal of Nursing. See THE QUARTERLY RECORD, March 1920. History of Massachusetts General Hospital Nurses' Alumnae Association by Miss M. S. Hollingsworth (1897) read.

1920—January. Voted: To raise \$10,000 by 1923 as an Endowment Fund to celebrate the fiftieth anniversary of the founding of the Training School for Nurses. The fund then being \$6,826.06.

1920—April 27. Death of a distinguished Alumna—Miss Sophia F. Palmer. April meeting. Voted: To establish "The Sophia F. Palmer Memorial Library."

✓ 1920—September. Gift for the Sophia F. Palmer Memorial Library from Elizabeth Scovil (1880) of a letter written by Florence Nightingale to Miss Scovil—(for copy of letter see QUARTERLY RECORD, September, 1920). Miss Alice Scott (1883) left some old photographs and a brass lamp used in the hospital forty-five years previously. Miss Parsons gave to the library a number of valuable books. Miss Scovil sent copies of four books written by her. Miss Palmer's sister sent Miss Palmer's diploma pin and her portraits. Miss M. S. Hollingsworth presented the Alumnae a brass tray (M. G. H.) suitably inscribed.

1920—September 9-10. Alumnae and Graduate Reunion Meeting in the Out-Patient Department Amphitheatre. Miss Laura A. Wilson, president of the Alumnae Association, presided. A report of the Alumnae for the previous five years was read by Miss Minnie Hollingsworth, also reports of the Sick Relief Association and the Endowment Fund Committee. The evening was delightfully spent by a trip up the Charles River as far as Watertown.

1920—September 10, at 3 p. m., in the Treadwell Library. The Dedication of the Memorial Tablet to the seven nurses who gave their lives in the service of their country in the Great World War. Unveiling of the tablet by Miss Parsons.

✓ 1920—October 1. Miss Sara E. Parsons ends her superintendency. Miss Sally M. Johnson succeeds her.

1921—February. The Alumnae Association received from the will of Miss May Lynch (1881) one hundred dollars. Voted: "That this gift be added to the Endowment Fund."

1921—August 11. The passing of Miss Pauline L. Dolliver.

1921—December Issue of THE QUARTERLY RECORD, a memorial copy to Miss Dolliver.

✓ 1921—November. Miss Parsons writing the "History of Massachusetts General Hospital Training School for Nurses."

- 1922—November Meeting of Alumnae. Ways and Means Committee, Helen O. Potter, Chairman, reported 1200 copies of the History published, expense being two thousand dollars.
- 1922—January 5. Graduation, the Song to the M. G. H. sung for the first time.
- 1922—February 1. Miss Parsons represents the Alumnae at the dinner given in honor of Miss Anna Caroline Maxwell in New York.
- 1923—March. Goal—\$10,000 aimed at for the Endowment Fund before the Fiftieth Anniversary. Alumnae finance the publication of the "History of the Massachusetts General Hospital Training School for Nurses."
- 1923—June. Miss Helen O. Potter, as Chairman of the Alumnae Committee, appointed on the general committee in charge of the program of the Fiftieth Anniversary.
- 1923—October 15-16. The celebration of the Fiftieth Anniversary of the Founding of the Massachusetts General Hospital Training School for Nurses. Linda Richards, Superintendent of the Training School in 1874, and Anna C. Maxwell in 1881-1889, were present.
- 1923—October 15. Alumnae Tea. Refer to THE QUARTERLY RECORD, December 1923.
- 1923—October 16. The Alumnae participating in the pageant, "The Bearers of the Lamp." Scene 13. Alumnae School Song. Presentation to the Hospital of \$11,268.15, raised by the Alumnae Association for the Training School Endowment Fund. Presentation made by Laura A. Wilson (1886) representing the Alumnae. Gift received by Mr. George Wigglesworth, representing the Trustees.
- 1923—October 16. Banquet—Brunswick Hotel.
- 1924—April 2. Deed of Gift executed by Edith I. Cox, President Alumnae Association and Rubie M. Smith, Secretary of Alumnae Association. Voted: To keep the Endowment Fund Deed of Gift in the Treadwell Library.
- 1924—January. Alumnae annual dues were advanced from \$3.50 to \$4.50.
- 1924—June 9. Miss Mary E. P. Davis, a distinguished Alumna, passed away.

- 1924—December. Voted: Gift to Miss Linda Richards.
- 1926—April 14. A rummage sale realized one hundred dollars. Contribution to "Fairview" of fifty dollars.
- 1926—May. A Gift of one hundred dollars left by the will of Miss Alice K. Ruggles. Voted: To add this gift to the Emergency Loan Fund.
- 1927—May 31. Voted: Fifty dollars to "Fairview."
- 1927—October 25. Voted: Two hundred dollars to the Nurses' Committee for Financing the Grading Plan.
- 1927—November 28. Voted: Fifty dollars to the State Nurses' Emergency Fund.
- 1928—October. Committee appointed "On Raising of Loan Fund for Graduate Study."
- 1929—January 2. Miss Anna Caroline Maxwell's death.
- 1929—September. Miss Carrie M. Hall awarded the Florence Nightingale Medal of the International Red Cross.
- 1930—May 16. Memorial Service to Miss Linda Richards at the Old South Church, Boston.
- 1931—Report of Committee on Endowed Bed (THE QUARTERLY RECORD, December 1931).
- 1932—April. Gift of a Projection Lantern and Delineoscope Curtain to the School of Nursing, costing \$233.10.
- 1932—May. Meeting—amendments to the Constitution and By-Laws to conform with those of District Association, No. 5, Massachusetts State Nurses' Association.
- 1933—February. A QUARTERLY RECORD Committee appointed, Miss Carrie M. Hall, Chairman.
- 1933—March. Recommendation by the Finance Committee, "That the mailing of THE QUARTERLY RECORD be done by Best & Co." A bookkeeping assistant to the treasurer to be paid by the hour. An audit of the treasurer's books by a certified public accountant.
- 1933—June. Miss Mary Martin (1892) left by will five hundred dollars to the Endowment Fund.
- 1933—May 18. Alumnae living in New York honor Miss McCrae at a dinner.
- 1933—December issue of THE QUARTERLY RECORD carries The Student's Page.
- 1933—Report of the Committee on Eight-hour Duty for Private Nurses given at November and December meetings of the Alumnae.

- 1933—March. Budgeting disbursement for ensuing year.
- 1934—February. Alumnae donates toward the recreation fund for student nurses.
- 1934—March issue of *THE QUARTERLY RECORD* dedicated to Dr. Frederic A. Washburn on his retirement as Director of the Massachusetts General Hospital.
- 1934—April. Donation to the Loan Fund of fifty dollars. Donation to the Endowment Fund of one hundred dollars.
- 1934—June. Miss Helen Wood appointed Director of the School of Nursing at Simmons College.
- 1934—April 23. Miss Annabella McCrea awarded the Walter Burns Saunders' Medal for distinguished service in the Cause of Nursing.
- 1934—May. The Alumnae sent congratulations to Miss McCrae at Washington, D. C. A six months' trial of eight-hour private duty nurse in the hospital beginning May first, authorized by Dr. George Bigelow, Director.
- 1934—September *QUARTERLY*. Miss Sally Johnson writes on "A Trial of the Eight-hour Day for Hospital Special Nurses." Miss Mary Ella Chayer on "Health Education in Schools of Nursing."
- 1934—October. Jane F. Riley (1888) and Esther Dart (1891) made honorary members of the Massachusetts State Nursing Association.
- 1934—October. Alumnae meeting. Miss Sally Johnson on "The Results of Five Months' Trial of Eight-hour Duty for Special Nurses." Miss Ruth Sleeper reviews the numerous developments and changes in the Training School.
- 1934—December. Instead of the regular meeting, the Alumnae attended the carol singing on Friday, December 21 in the "brick corridor."
- 1934—A comprehensive report of the activities of the Executive Standing and Special Committees, given at the annual meeting.
- 1934—February meeting. One hundred and forty members present.
- 1935—May. Let me take you with the Alumnae to the Reception in honor of Miss Annabella McCrae to "The Green in front of the Bulfinch Building." The Student Glee Club descend the steps and sing the Song to the M. G. H. Miss McCrae stands with a group under the big tree and we leave her with her students.

THE ALUMNAE

Report of Alumnae Meetings

MARCH 26, 1935

The March Alumnae Meeting was held in the Walcott House classroom, Tuesday, March 26th, Miss Williams presiding. Reports of the Treasurer and Secretary were read and approved.

The following new members were accepted:

Miss Grace Barrett	1933	Active
Miss Nancy Forbes	1934	Active
Mrs. F. Dobbie Fuerbringer	1910	Active
Miss Elsie Holme	1934	Active
Miss Helen Dunbar	1933	Active
Miss Alice McNerney	1933	Active
Miss Helen Hewitt	1935	Associate
Miss Mary Lammers	1935	Associate

Delegates to the meetings of the New England Division of the American Nurses' Association to be held in Montpelier, Vermont, May 6-8, were announced as follows: Miss Barbara Williams, Helen Nichols and Linda Burgess. Attention was called to the May meeting of the State Nurses' Association. It will be held at the Hotel Touraine in the form of a dinner, May 16.

After the meeting, a very interesting three-act play, "Paris Bound" was given by Mrs. Lee of the Bishop-Lee School of Dramatics.

Refreshments were served.

APRIL 20, 1935

Sixty-one members attended the April Alumnae meeting held in the Walcott House classroom. Miss Williams presided.

Roll call by classes:

Before 1900—	8 members present
1900-1909—	10 members present
1910-1919—	14 members present
1920-1929—	14 members present
1930—	2 members present
1931—	0 members present
1932—	2 members present
1933—	3 members present
1934—	7 members present
1935—	1 member present

Reports were read by the Treasurer, Secretary and by the Chairmen of several committees. As this was the last business meeting of the year, the Association voted to give the Executive Committee power to carry on new business and to vote on the acceptance of new members during the vacation period.

The following new members were accepted:

Miss Lois Beech	1934	Active
Miss Gretchen Knight	1934	Active
Miss Martha Moulton	1934	Active

A Lawn Party in Miss McCrae's honor is to be given on the Bulfinch Lawn, May 28, from 3:30-6, by the Alumnae Association.

Following the business meeting, Mr. William Lown of the Massachusetts General Hospital Photographic Laboratory gave an illustrated lecture on "The Part Photography Plays in the Hospital." Of particular interest were the pictures made of the original sketches, by Bulfinch, of the Massachusetts General Hospital laundry, kitchen and store room.

Refreshments were served in the Walcott House Living Room.

Miss McCrae's Reception

From LAURA A. WILSON (1886)

On Tuesday afternoon, May the twenty-eighth, a lawn party was given in honor of Miss McCrea by the Massachusetts General Hospital Nurses' Alumnae Association.

Members of Classes from 1879 down were present. The function became a very delightful reunion.

The day was one of May's best and the lawn was lovely, although we of fifty years ago missed the large stately elms under which we used to walk in the morning after night duty, and the ivy on the Bulfinch front which gave added beauty to our beloved Hospital.

Delicious refreshments were served.

Some sadness is always cloaked under the gaiety of a party especially when it means farewell to one who is leaving the arena of a long and most successful career.

If all the affectionate good wishes come true, Miss McCrae will have good health, happiness, and enjoyment in the freedom of action that she has not known for many a year.

God bless her.

The Lawn Party

MARION STEVENS (1923)

If you were one of the group of nearly five hundred people who greeted Miss McCrae at the Lawn Party on May 28th, this will recall for you a very happy and memorable afternoon—or if you were there only in imagination, this is the picture which would have been imprinted on your mind.

At three-thirty that afternoon, the quiet hospital grounds in front of the Bulfinch Building began to assume a party air. Guests in summer dresses came down the steps from the Administration building and were greeted by Miss Hollingsworth and her Committee who pinned on each person her name and class numerals which made identification and recognition easier for everyone. Then they passed on to be hailed by Mrs. Hazel Davis, Miss Gates or Miss Holway to come sign in the guest book. This very nice leather covered book bore Miss McCrae's name and the date and was given to her as an added memento of the afternoon.

The receiving line was on the edge of the lawn under shady trees and faced the Bulfinch building. For the comfort of those in the receiving line, there were several wicker chairs, small tables and flowers and a large peacock chair made a nice background for Miss McCrae. Everyone remembers the large horse chestnut tree near the walk. Under this a number of musicians were playing and their music made a pleasing atmosphere for the whole party. At the opposite side of the lawn, near the lodge, were the caterers long white tables with a beautiful vase of snapdragons and delphiniums at either end. Here by colored men in white coats we were served ice-cream, cake, and coffee.

Miss McCrae, the center of our festivity, seemed terribly happy to see so many of her friends. She looked very lovely in a cool print dress and the orchids she wore were more graced by her presence than she by theirs. She was as enthusiastic over the party as we have all seen her when teaching a "probe" to make a bed. Miss McCrae seemed to have a jolly time with everyone over some happy reminiscence and in every corner of the Bulfinch lawn. The animated buzzing was filled with surprise meetings and "Do you remember—".

Those who received with Miss McCrae during the afternoon were:—Miss Barbara Williams, Miss Sally Johnson, Miss Blanche

Thayer, Mrs. Robert Homans, Miss Betty Dumaine, Miss Walborg Peterson, Miss Sara Parsons, Miss Kathleen Atto, Mrs. Charles Briggs, Mrs. Paul Jones, Miss Carrie Hall, Miss Annie Carstensen, Miss Laura Wilson, Miss Charlotte Perry, Mrs. Arlie Bock, Miss Esther Dart, Miss Peg. Reilly, Miss Blanche Haley and Miss Linda Burgess. We were very sorry that Three Past Presidents were not able to be present. They were Miss Helen Wood who was on her way to Cleveland, Miss Cox who was ill and Miss Claire Dennison who is too far away—in Rochester, N. Y.

Besides the great number who came to the Lawn Party—145 graduates sent their regrets and so we feel that this large number speaks even better than we could express how dearly our Miss McCrae is loved.

We knew that the afternoon could not be complete for Miss McCrae without the student nurses—and so they very kindly came to sing to her. The Glee Club under Miss Dorothy Smith's leadership sang "Annie Laurie", Mendelssohn's "Spring Song" and "Country Gardens". Then at the close of the afternoon we all gathered about the Bulfinch steps where all of the student nurses with the Glee Club had joined to sing with us "A Song for M. G. H."

"This has been one of the happiest days of my life", said Miss McCrae.

People We Know

Helen O'Dea, 1913, writes from Bermuda that on her recent tour of gardens the two loveliest belonged to Bostonians.

Miss Ann M. Webber, (1880) has returned from a very pleasant trip to California and is at home at 12 Court Street Place, Augusta, Maine.

The present address of Miss Blanche M. Thayer is 26 Commonwealth Avenue, Boston, Mass. It delighted her many friends to meet her at the reception for Miss McCrae.

Miss Muriel M. Galt, 1898, writes on board the "Empress of Australia" to Miss Sara E. Parsons of her delightful trip from Victoria, B.C. to the West Indies and Rio De Janeiro, South America.

Miss Minnie S. Hollingsworth, 1897, is spending the month of June at Peterboro, New Hampshire.

Miss Ethel M. Doherty, 1909, has assumed her duties as Superintendent of the Saranac General Hospital, Saranac, N. Y.

Miss Grace B. Beattie, 1893, after spending the winter months in Massachusetts has returned for the summer to Summerside, Prince Edward Island.

Mrs. J. Daniel Rutter (the former Agnes Aikman, 1892) who for many years before her marriage was Matron of the Boston Lying-in Hospital and Superintendent of the School of Midwifery at the Bellevue Hospital in New York, sailed from New York, June 1, on the S. S. Franconia for her home, Paris Road, Paignton, Isca, South Devon, England.

Mrs. Rutter has been spending the past year among friends in New York, Boston, Melrose, U.S.A., and her relatives in Montreal, and Parrsboro, N.S. (the latter place being her old home).

It is with regret we learn that while in this country Mrs. Rutter met with the sad loss of her sister.

Friends in Melrose of Miss Annie Fletcher, (Class of 1892) report that she has spent a busy winter with church work, also entertaining old friends from Boston and vicinity who were visiting in California. Miss Fletcher left for Canada about June 1st to visit relatives in Vancouver and Alberta and will locate until the early fall in Victoria, B.C. Miss Fletcher's permanent address is "The Grayson," Santa Barbara, Calif.

Agnes Patten (1920) has accepted the position of Admitting Nurse at the Holyoke Hospital, Holyoke, Massachusetts.

Soikka Koivu (1931) has resigned as West Surgical Operating-room Supervisor and taken a similar position in the Englewood Hospital, Englewood, New Jersey. Miss Katherine Lyons (1934) succeeds Miss Koivu.

Mrs. W. H. Warrick (Virginia Kennen, 1915) and Mrs. F. H. Barter (Glee Marshall, 1914) are on duty at the Baker Memorial during the Summer.

Kathryn O'Donnell (1931) and Ruth Lawrence (1931) have accepted positions at the Harrington Memorial Hospital in Southbridge, Massachusetts.

Miss Gladys C. Lawrence, 1916, has received her B.S. degree in education from the School of Education, New York University, June 12th, 1935.

Miss Annabella McCrae spent a few weeks at Vacation House, "Fairview," Rowley, Mass.

Ruth Adie (1919) is Superintendent of Malden Hospital.

Florence Smith (1935) is a new etherizer on the staff at the Eye and Ear Infirmary.

Edythe Angell (1919) will be Supervisor of the Operating Room at Waterbury, Conn., beginning Aug. 1, 1935.

Julia Bicknell (1935) is assistant to the Supervisor of the operating room at the Mary Bassett Hospital, Cooperstown, N.Y.

Anna Bentley (1915) and Gladys Lawrence (1916) received their B. S. degrees from Teacher's College in February, 1935.

Margaret Perham (1934) is supervisor of the delivery floor at Boston Lying-In.

Rhoda Woodward (1933) has accepted a position as Instructor in Practical Nursing at Syracuse University Hospital, Syracuse, N. Y.

Claire Favreau (1926); Olive Ancill (1925); Erna Kuhn (1914) received their B. S. degrees from Teacher's College in June, 1935. Ruth Sleeper (1922) received the M. A. degree. Dorothy Brown (1927) received her Master's in February, 1935.

Ellen Piper (1931) will be pediatric supervisor at the Syracuse Memorial Hospital, Syracuse, N. Y., beginning September 1, 1935.

Helen Clarke (1931) has joined the staff on the pediatric service at Nassau County Hospital, Mineola, New York.

Mrs. W. W. Holmes of Webster, Massachusetts, has announced the engagement of her daughter, Barbara Holmes (1931) to Ronald Morehouse of St. Johns, New Brunswick.

✓ Miss Sara Parsons is acting treasurer of the Alumnae while Miss Annie Carstenson is taking a trip to England.

Miss Minnie ~~Poke~~^{Poke}, Supervisor of Theatrical Instruction at the General, has been given a scholarship for work on the Curriculum at Teacher's College during the intersession period.

Wenona Abbott (1930) has replaced Daphne Corbett (1925) as Practical Instructor at Strong Memorial, Rochester, N. Y. Miss Corbett is now at the New England Hospital for women and children.

Claire Favreau (1926) is assistant to the Supt. of Nurses at Mt. Sinai Hospital, New York City.

Sally Mernin (1916) has taken up duties as Instructor in Nursing Education at Chicago University, Division of Biological Sciences.

Rita Corbett (1923) is assistant to Louise Zutter (1913) Supt. of Boston Lying-In Hospital. Enes Zambon (1929) has gone into the admitting office of the General. Cordelia King (1932) is now Supervisor of the Emergency Ward, taking Miss Zambon's place. Rachel Blodgett (1934) has taken over Mrs. King's duties as head nurse on Ward I.

Lois Ames (1929) and Margaret Flatley (1931) are spending part of June in Bermuda. Upon their return Miss Flatley will be in charge of the Operating Room of Nassau County Hospital, at Mineola, N. Y. Lillian Johnson (1932) has replaced Miss Flatley in Baker Operating Room.

Mr. James Kilcoyne and family are on a three months' trip to Ireland.

Sally Rowter Trask (1918) is relieving in the admitting office of the Eye and Ear Infirmary for the summer.

Anna Shaheen (1932) Eleanor Hill (1933) Mary Springer (1926) and Edith Roberts (1935) are going to Summer School at Teacher's College. Nancy Forbes, (1934) Helen Clarke (1931) Ellen Piper (1931) Ruth Foster (1931) and Helen Mulhern (1934) are attending Simmons for the summer. Phyllis Rivard Gale (1931) is attending Boston University.

Ruth Hopper, (1924) has been made Associate Professor at Hampton Institute, Hampton, Va.

Sadie Connelski (1933) began her duties as Assistant Night Supervisor at the General, April 1, 1935. Raising the number of Night Supervisors from two to three.

Among the recent visitors to the General we find Emma Everett Hickey (1921) from Lockport, N. Y., with her young daughter, Pearl Castile from the University of California Hospital. Mary Smyth Chisholm (1905) whose daughter entered the training school last September; and Grace Greenwood Wegman (1925) from Madison, Wis. This was Mrs. Wegman's first trip back East in ten years. She now has three sons.

Helen Mulhern (1934) is to be Assistant to Dr. Bok at the Medical Centre of Harvard University.

Margaret O'Neil (1934) is now on the staff of the Operating Room at Phillips House.

In Memoriam

Jane F. Riley, 1888

April 21, 1935

Boston, Massachusetts

Harriet O. Coombs, 1885

May 27, 1935

Boston, Massachusetts

Marion B. Dibblee, 1898

April 1935

Massachusetts General Hospital

Mrs. Andrew L. Fraser

(Grace L. Lewis, 1896)

December 10, 1934

San José, California

The sincere sympathy of the Massachusetts General Hospital Nurses' Alumnae is extended to the families and friends of our departed members.

Jane F. Riley

The death of Jane F. Riley on April 21, 1935, has taken from our midst one who was very active in the early days of professional nursing and nursing organizations.

She graduated in 1888; remained at the Hospital as one of the head nurses for a time, and then did private duty nursing, except during the Spanish-American War, when she did army service.

An early member of our Alumnae, she was able to be helpful in organizing the Association.

She was a charter member of the Boston Nurses Club, to which she gave devoted service for many years.

She was also very active and interested in helping to organize the Central Directory for Nurses. She was a Charter member of our State Nurses Association—and served as Corresponding Secretary for some time. She was a member of the Red Cross Nursing Service, and served on many of its important committees.

A charter member of our Sick Relief Association and its first vice president. She never lost interest in the work of the Association, and was always a loyal supporter.

She was also very active in helping to raise the money needed to endow our Free Bed.

Miss Riley retired from active nursing work a number of years ago. Making her home in Boston—she was able to give much time to the activities of the nursing world in which she was enthusiastically interested.

During the past few years, failing health has limited her activities. In her passing the nursing profession has lost a loyal and devoted member.

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The Dramatic Club

On April 11, 1935 the new Dramatic Club gave its first performance of the year. The new club, formed and organized by Barbara Phillips, drew its membership from all the classes. Its first attempt consisted of three one act plays, cast, staged and directed by the members of the club. They were:

THE SLAVE WITH TWO FACES by Mary Davies

Life

First Girl

Second Girl

Workman

Man

Woman

Helen Bent

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Ruth Rich

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THE TWELVE POUND LOOK by Sir James Barrie

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Kate

Tombs

Barbara Phillips

Julia DeMane

Barbara Vivian

Carolyn Winters

A MARRIAGE HAS BEEN ARRANGED by Alfred Sutro.

Harrison Crockstead
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These were put on in the Walcott House Living Room and enthusiastically received by an audience of about eighty persons. The profits of fifteen dollars were divided between the Dramatic Club and the Senior class whose members, notably Thelma Ingles and Louise Cronin, rendered invaluable assistance in the way of publicity and ticket selling.

The second performance of the year represented a more serious effort in the nature of a three act play, *HOLIDAY* by Philip Barry. This was produced on May 17, in the Walcott House Living Room. This time through the assistance of Miss Sally Johnson a portable stage was constructed which immensely improved the visibility. This stage may be packed away and used for future performances.

The male parts in *HOLIDAY* were taken by the men affiliates of the McLean Hospital Training School. The cast was as follows:

Henry
Julia Seton
Johnny Case
Linda Seton
Ned Seton
Edward Seton
Seton Cram
Laura Cram
Delia
Nick Potter
Susan Potter

Herbert Krough
 Barbara Vivian
 Robert Duncan
 Barbara Phillips
 Herbert Passler
 Emmett Brosseau
 James Watkins
 Carolyn Winters
 Julia DeMane
 Robert Mahoney
 Helen Bent

Many thanks were due the following for their assistance backstage and at the door:

Elizabeth Haworth
 Rene Vandersloot

Louise Cronin
 Mary Ross
 Lucienne Dorian

The receipts covered the expenses and royalty and the entire performance was enjoyed by all.

At the close of its first season the Dramatic Club wishes to express its manifold thanks to Miss Sally Johnson and Miss Olive Roberts, Physical-Social Director, for moral as well as material assistance.

B. E. P.

The June Formal

The lantern-lighted Bulfinch lawn gave an air of festivity to the annual June Formal, Friday, June 14th, sponsored by the class of 1937.

In the Rotunda over forty couples danced to the music of Morey Pearl's orchestra.

The affair was made possible through the student body's support of Food Sales and other money raising activities of the 1937 section.

Among the patrons and patronesses were: Dr. and Mrs. Norman C. Baker, Dr. and Mrs. Morgan Rhees, Dr. and Mrs. W. Franklin Wood, Dr. A. G. Engelbach, Miss Sally Johnson, Miss Olive Roberts.

Miss Beatrice Perin was chairman of the Dance Committee working with Marion Howland; Chairman of Decorations, Miss Florence Karpela; Orchestra, Miss Kathrine McAuliffe; Patrons, Miss Agnes Lang. Refreshments.

Negro Folk Songs

The climax of a successful year for the Glee Club was reached on April 26 when a program of Negro folk songs was presented to a large audience in the Rotunda. Solos by Elizabeth Benson and Florence Korzela and a duet by Barbara Vivian and Julia DeMane were the features of the evening. Much of the credit for the performance is due Miss Dorothy Smith, conductor, and Miss Ruth Elliott, accompanist.

The annual elections of the Student Nurses' Cooperative Association resulted in the following officers for the year:

President—Leonille Dufault
Vice-president—Mary Connolly
Secretary—Eva Borrner
Treasurer—Marion Decker

The Student Council, made up of these officers and representatives from each of the classes, meets once a month to discuss student regulations and privileges. Miss Ruth Sleeper represents the Training School Office at the meetings, and Miss Helen Nagleschmidt has replaced Miss Haley from the head nurses' group.

Capping Ceremony

On May 31st, another group of young women finally received their reward for successfully finishing the preliminary course. Many no doubt had received rewards before for other achievements but I doubt if any reward was more prized or made any one half as proud as the little white cap which Miss Johnson placed upon their heads.

These students with their Big Sisters marched in and Miss Mary Connolly welcomed them in behalf of the Big Sister class. Miss Johnson then gave a little address with admonitions, encouragement and advice. Each student was presented to Miss Johnson by her Big Sister and her cap pinned on. Music was provided by Miss Benedict and Miss Walker while this took place.

Miss Dufault told them of the value of Student Government and welcomed them to the student body.

The ceremony ended with the school song and another capped class filed out with a hope that their caps would mean as much to them the rest of their training and in later years as they did that night.

Notes and Comments

At the Commencement Day Exercises of the Johns Hopkins University, Friday morning, February 22, 1935, the University conferred on Miss Elsie Lawler, Principal of the Johns Hopkins School of Nursing, an honorary degree of M.A. in recognition of twenty-five years of "outstanding work as nurse, teacher, and administrator."

Two interesting letters have been forwarded by Miss McCrae to THE QUARTERLY RECORD from an Alumna in the Orient, Miss Helen Rose Lade, 1918, and one from Central Europe, Hazel Avis Goff, 1917. Miss Goff's present address is Golemar Konaro, Bulgaria. These letters will be published in a later issue of the Quarterly Record as their contents will be appreciated by all.

The "Isthmus" is a thing of the past. During the months of March and April this was bricked in, windows and steam radiators installed. "Ward E" patients will rejoice.

We wish to express our thanks especially to Miss Barbara Williams and Miss Marion Stevens for their wonderful support in planning the Lawn Party and to all the Committee, Chairman and members and to everyone who came—because each and everyone helped to make the party a great success and a very joyous afternoon.

At one of the Fall Alumnae meetings, we will exhibit the pictures taken at the Lawn Party so that you may order some if you wish. We have some excellent ones of Miss McCrae.

Regrets

The sympathy of the Alumnae is extended to Mrs. Henry B. Trask, (Sally Rowter, 1918) on the death of her husband in Pasadena, California.

Sympathy is extended to Eileen Curley (1915) for the sudden death of her husband, Dr. Thomas Robinson, in Taunton, Massachusetts, on May 5, 1935.

Illnesses

It is with sincere regret that we hear of the illness of Mrs. Herbert Perkins, (Jessie McDonald, 1887) of 1446 Fifteenth Avenue, San Francisco, Cal.; she has been in the Stanford Hospital since Feb. 21, 1935 suffering from arthritis and heart trouble. Mrs. Clyde W. Dennison, (Louise Bowser, 1918) of 917 North Idaho Street San Diego, California writes that she goes to see her once a week, besides, being a friend of hers she is a classmate of Katherine McDonald, 1918, who is Mrs. Perkin's niece. Miss McDonald lives in Los Angeles and has been up several times to see her aunt. We know that her classmates and friends of the Alumnae will be very sorry to hear of Mrs. Perkin's illness.

The friends and classmates of Mrs. Norman J. Hopkins, (Ethel H. Twitchell, 1892) of Melrose will be glad to hear she is well on the road to recovery after sixteen weeks at the Melrose Hospital recuperating from a severe fall that resulted in a fractured hip.

Marriages

On Saturday, March 2, 1935, at Highland, N. J., Dorothy M. Alton (1924) and Dr. James J. Rowland. At home, Sea Bright, New Jersey.

Moody—Playart. Grace Elizabeth Playart (1931) to Mr. Raymond Moody on March 2, 1935 at Maynard, Mass.

Hamilton—Smith. Marie Elizabeth Smith (1929) to Mr. Joseph Hamilton on April 27, 1935 at Saint Bridget's Rectory, Maynard, Mass.

Smith—Roberts. Elizabeth Roberts (1933) to Mr. Thomas Smith, Jr., on April 27, 1935 at Somerville, Mass.

On December 14, 1934 at Lebanon, N. H. Ruth Drake (1930) to Mr. William Drake.

Births

On February 15, 1935, a daughter Barbara, to Mr. and Mrs. John F. Walsh (Olive B. E. Leussler, 1915), 5475 Fieldston Road, Riverdale, New York City.

On March 26, 1935 a daughter, Rosamond, to Dr. and Mrs. Roy R. Wheeler (Mildred Brown, 1919) of 15 Gibson Street, Cambridge, Mass.

On June 6, 1935, a son, William Buster McGee, Jr., to Dr. and Mrs. William B. McGee (Priscilla Thompson, 1929) Chicago, Ill.

A daughter to Mr. and Mrs. Frederick De Courcy (Ruth Libby, 1931) on April 18, 1935 at Baker Memorial.

A son to Mr. and Mrs. Paul Berry (Gladys Boothman, 1928) on April 21, 1935 at Baker Memorial.

A son to Dr. and Mrs. Robert E. Glendy (Margaret Glendy) on May 28, 1935 at Baker Memorial.

A daughter to Mr. and Mrs. Dana Beaucaire (Mildred Allen 1933) on June 2, 1935 at Baker Memorial.

A daughter to Dr. and Mrs. Ralph Daffinee (Jean Dalton, 1927) on June 10, 1935 at Baker Memorial.

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EDITORIAL

A Fitting Farewell

Miss McCrae has had a good time of it for the last twenty-three years. She has during that time turned the practical education of nurses into new channels without losing sight of the old verities. She has compiled the text-book of these practical procedures to help the Alumnae everywhere. She has lived to a great extent for the Massachusetts General Hospital and its nurses.

Now she will be her own master. We know, of course, that she will not be happy unoccupied.

How becomingly she greeted all! We went away from her farewell reception with the impression that here was a gracious and modest lady who had played well her great part in life.

An Alumna.

MARTHA RUTH SMITH RETURNS TO THE TEACHING STAFF

It was eleven years ago, in 1924, that Miss Smith came to us in the position of director of theoretical instruction and instructor in sciences. She ably filled that position for a period of nearly five years. The last semester of that period she spent in the Training School Office where she was acting assistant superintendent of nurses. Before coming to us, Miss Smith had graduated from the Peter Bent Brigham Hospital School of Nursing and had experience as a head nurse and as a teacher of nursing practice. She had also been a student at Teachers College, New York, and received the Bachelor of Science degree from that institution.

Leaving us in the summer of 1929, Miss Smith returned to Teachers College to be part-time student and part-time instructor. In 1930 she became full-time instructor and in 1931 received the degree of Master of Arts. The work for that degree was organized around the training of teachers of nursing. That work included field supervision in hospitals which supplemented the formal class room instruction. Throughout the five and a half years that Miss Smith was an instructor in the Department of Nursing Education, she taught several different courses. Her particular piece of research was a comparative study of nursing techniques with a view to setting up a method for determining validity and reliability of nursing procedures.

During this period of nearly a dozen years Miss Smith has always had among her students either undergraduates or graduates of this school of nursing. They, one and all, testify to her ability as a teacher. To those of us who know of Miss Smith's unusual ability as a teacher, of her large body of knowledge, of her varied experience, of her deep interest in the nursing arts, and of her familiarity with our situation, she seemed without question the person best prepared to fill the position made vacant by Miss McCrae's retirement. Miss McCrae had maintained her work on a high plane and we wished it kept there. To allow the standard to fall would be a betrayal of trust.

And so we invited Miss Smith to return to us. The alumnae may rejoice that she accepted the invitation. She left Teachers College in February to take a three months' course in psychiatric nursing at the Butler Hospital, followed by a two months' course in public health nursing at the Community Health Association. During the summer school months Miss Smith taught nursing to a group of student nurses in the Simmons College School of Nursing and then began her duties here in September.

Probably no nurse in the country is better prepared in every

way for the position which Miss Smith has come to fill. Under her direction we feel secure in the knowledge that nursing will continue to be well taught in this school.

Florence Nightingale's Voice Heard from Old Wax Cylinder

Special from The Christian Science Monitor Bureau

LONDON—A recording on a gramophone disk of the voice of Florence Nightingale, famous nurse of Crimean War days, has just been made here from an old wax cylinder, discovered hidden away in a little forgotten cardboard box.

It was only the original soft wax cylinder, by no means in a good state after lying-by for over 40 years, with which Mr. Howard Flynn, the managing director of the Edison Bell Gramophone Record Company, has been working. After months of experimenting, Mr. Flynn designed an electrical pick-up which could deal with the delicate task of recording the voice for a gramophone disk.

The words spoken by "The Lady of the Lamp"—who deprecatingly speaks of herself as "hardly a memory, only a voice"—are clearly heard, and she gives the year of 1890. After alluding, with a little falter in her voice, to her old comrades of Balaklava days, she ends by saying that it is Florence Nightingale speaking.

In 1890 the phonograph was only in its trial stages, and was not on the market. Mr. Flynn has also found a set of cylinders with some of Tennyson's poems, including "The Charge of the Light Brigade," declaimed by the author himself. He intends to make gramophone disks of these also.

Regrets

Sympathy is extended to Mrs. David Willey Hamilton (Ella M. Tompkins, 1908) for the death of her husband Dr. David Willey Hamilton, in Pullman, Washington, on July 22, 1935. Dr. Hamilton had been a member of the State College Staff for 17 years.

Sympathy is extended to Eileen Gilmartin (1929) for the sudden death of her father, Patrick Gilmartin, on August 11, 1935, in Bridgeport, Connecticut.

Word has been received of the death, on July 9th, of Mrs. W. I. LaFon (Alice Main Hakes, M. G. H., 1891), mother of Mrs. Walter B. Woolsey (Alice Laura LaFon, M. G. H., 1918), suddenly at Southampton, Long Island, N. Y.

YEARLY GRADUATION

Many distinguished men and women in the field of education, letters, theology and science have been the speakers at the nurses' yearly graduation.

The first formal graduation was held February 16, 1903, at eight-thirty p.m. in the main waiting room of the Out-Patient Department; Miss Pauline L. Dolliver gave the first report of the School of Nursing.

Bishop William Lawrence gave the address of the evening.

Dr. Henry Walcott presided.

It was in January, 1917, that the Rotunda in the Moseley Memorial Building was used for Graduation exercises.

Speakers

1912-1935

1912—Miss Annie Gooderich.

1913—Professor C. E. A. Winslow, "Public Health."

1914—Dr. Henry M. Hurd, Baltimore.

1915—Miss Mabel Boardman, Washington, D. C., "Red Cross and the World War." Mrs. Nathaniel Thayer presided.

1916—Jan. 13. Dr. George C. Shattuck, "Serbian Hospitals and Nursing Conditions."

1917—Jan. Dr. Hugh Cabot, "American Nurses in the European War." Miss Anna M. Maxwell, "Experiences in the War Zone." (First Graduation held in the Moseley Memorial Building.)

1918—Jan. 10. Henry Van Dyke.

1920—Jan. 15. Prof. Herbert E. Mills, Dean Vassar College Camp.

1921—Jan. 11. Rev. Henry K. Shirrell, Chaplain Base Hospital No. 6.

1922—Jan. 5. Miss Alice Fitzgerald, R.N. League of Red Cross Societies. Chief of the Division of Nursing.

1923—Jan. 4. Dr. Christopher Parnell, Director University Hospital, University Michigan, Ann Arbor.

1924—Jan. 31. Professor Mary Woolley, President Mount Holyoke College.

- 1925—Jan. 7. Miss Linda Richards, America's first trained nurse.
- 1926—Jan. 14. Professor Ada Comstock, President Radcliffe College.
- 1927—Jan. 12. George H. Bigelow, M.D., Commissioner Public Health, Massachusetts.
- 1928—Jan. 18. Bishop William Lawrence. Dr. Henry Walcott, presiding. Looking backward 25 yrs.
- 1929—March. Dr. Joseph C. Doane, Retired. President of American Hospital Association.
- 1930—February 5. Dr. MacFie Campbell.
- 1931—February 6. Miss Eva Whiting White, President Women's Educational and Industrial Union.
- 1932—January 26. Rev. A. L. Kinsolving, Trinity Church, Boston.
- 1933—February 10. Dr. Augusta F. Brouner, Judge Baker Foundation.
- 1934—February 9. Dr. Hans Zinsser, Professor of Bacteriology, and Immunity, Harvard Medical College.
- 1935—February 8. Dr. Miriam Van Waters, Superintendent Framingham Reformatory for Women. Mrs. Robert Homans, presiding.

Addresses

Miss Minnie S. Hollingsworth has changed her address to 223 Mt. Auburn St., Cambridge, Mass. Tel. Middlesex 3130.

The present address of Annie Fletcher (1892) is The Grayson, Santa Barbara, California.

Miss Adelaide A. Mayo, Russell Sage College, Troy, New York.

Miss Jennie McIntosh (1902) 18 Lawndale St., Belmont, Mass.

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Massachusetts General Hospital Nurses' Free-Bed Fund

The question of endowing a Free Bed for nurses was first discussed at a meeting of the Massachusetts General Hospital Nurses' Alumnae Association, held November 27, 1906.

Further discussion of the subject at a later meeting showed that the majority were in favor of endowing a bed, though some preferred a sick relief fund, while many wanted both.

Finally, at a meeting held January 28, 1907, a motion was made and carried that the Alumnae Association endow a bed in the Massachusetts General Hospital for the use of any graduate of the school.

As a means of raising money for the fund, it was voted to ask each member of the Association to be responsible for \$5.00, and to contribute at least \$1.00. Plans were made to hold a bazaar in December.

That the members responded generously and the bazaar proved a gratifying success can best be shown by inserting a copy of the report of the Free Bed Committee, as published in the Biennial Report of the Massachusetts General Hospital Nurses Alumnae Association, November, 1906-October, 1908.

REPORT OF BUSINESS MANAGER ANNIE M. SMITH FOR THE COMMITTEE ON NURSES' FREE BED FUND

The bazaar held in Parish Hall, Trinity Church, Boston, December 4 and 5, 1907, by the Alumnae Association of the Massachusetts General Hospital Training School for Nurses, to secure funds to endow a bed for sick nurses, was a most gratifying success. Rev. Dr. Mann kindly gave us the use of the hall, and the Associates of the Guild of St. Barnabas furnished the entertainment, which included performances of the Italian Marionettes, music by the Entertainment Committee of the Sewing Circle League, and the Highland Club orchestra of West Roxbury, and demonstration of bed-making, etc. Many class reunions took place in the tea-rooms during the bazaar, and happy occasions they were. Following are the names of those who had charge of the tables, and the amounts they made.

Fancy-work, Miss Annie Carlisle	\$956.50
Bags, Miss Lillian H. Morris	319.85
Dolls, Mrs. H. L. Burrill	242.70
Candy, Miss Ada McNab	208.26
Flowers, Mrs. G. A. Craigin	255.35
Household, Miss Annie C. Carstensen	204.00
Cake, Miss Rachel Bourke	108.02

Infant's, Miss Bessie Fullerton	121.50
Tea-room, Miss Emma Anderson	111.55
Entertainment, Miss Mary Sargent	151.01
Other receipts	444.70
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	\$3,123.44
Disbursements	418.77
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Balance	\$2,704.67

By March, 1908, the contributions of nurses and others had brought the *free-bed fund* so near the five thousand dollars for which we were working, that only seven hundred and thirty-five dollars and seventeen cents were needed to complete the desired amount. This sum was very generously given by Mrs. George Francis Fabyan, of Brookline, Massachusetts.

We appreciate fully that this grand result would not have been reached without the generous and hearty co-operation of our trustees, our patronesses, and other friends, and we thank them.

When Base Hospital No. 6 was organized a sum of money was contributed by the Ladies' Visiting Committee and others, only part of which was used.

In 1919, the unused portion, amounting to \$5,000.00, was donated to the Massachusetts General Hospital for a free bed for doctors and nurses, in memory of those who died in service.

The hospital has been generous in allowing unlimited use of these beds. The year 1934 showed an occupancy of 541 days exclusive of nurses on the hospital pay roll.

In times of illness, the free bed has been a boon to many nurses who have been grateful to those who, through their efforts and contributions, made such a bed available for their use.

(This article was compiled by Miss Alvira B. Stevens for the Anniversary Number.)

Survivals of Other Days

ALICE M. WESTCOTT, 1913

Among the treasures of the Treadwell Library are two pieces of old Staffordshire china. These are there not so much for their decorative value—real as this is—but for their historical and sentimental value for the design within their blue-flowered borders represents the Massachusetts General Hospital as it was in its early days. Both views show the water of the Charles River flowing near the front of the building. One of them actually depicts a sloop moored nearby! In looking at it one might imagine a visiting physician had just landed and had moored his conveyance while he made rounds inside, or perhaps what is more likely that a patient was brought in the boat and the doctor came post haste in the chaise! The dishes are mounted in glass-covered mahogany cases and hang on the walls of the Committee Room.

The Ridgway vegetable dish was made by J. and M. Ridgway. It is the "Boston Hospital" of their "Beauties of America" series of patterns of which a very clear description is given in Moore's "The Old China Book." The typical Ridgway border of this series is a conventional rose with a few leaves set in medallions and a small pointed edge with dots around the central view. This pattern was made in all the table services.

The other piece of china, a plate, was made by Ralph Stevenson, another early Staffordshire potter of about the same period. It has his distinguishing vine leaf border, and his mark on the back. A plate of the same pattern hangs in the Trustees' Room.

Mrs. Myers volunteers the information that this china was ordered from England for the use of the first superintendent and his family. The source of the information she cannot give except that some one told her, possibly Dr. J. C. Warren.

The first superintendent, Nathaniel Fletcher, served from 1821-1825. His living quarters were in the central building, and included the second floor west front room behind the portico as his reception room, with three other rooms on this floor in the back (probably one of these was the dining room) and three over these on the third floor.

The plate in the Library shows marks of use as well as beauty and has been carefully patched and mended.

After some eighty-odd years of ups and downs from the china closet to the kitchen it fell into the hands of Dr. F. B. Harrington who presented it to the Hospital in 1905. Miss Williams of the Treadwell Library repeats this story: "The plate presented by Dr. Harrington was found in a farm house near Lexington. The doctor had been called to the house to perform an operation and was invited

to stay to dinner. In due time the dessert—a delicious piece of mince pie—was served on this plate. The housewife was much surprised at his offer to purchase it which she promptly accepted.”

There are three plates hanging beside the grandfather clock in the Trustees' Room. Both the two in “old blue” and the rose one show pictures of the Massachusetts General Hospital.

The blue Staffordshire of Stevenson make was presented in 1931 by the widow of Dr. Everett Bates to carry out a wish of Dr. Bates who had owned and prized the plate and wished it given to the Hospital at his death. Dr. Bates was an East Medical House Officer in 1891. Its blue companion piece, of Wedgwood, made in 1905 during Dr. Howard's administration, was a gift to the Hospital from Dr. Frederic A. Washburn in 1931.

Another of the old plates and another of the plates of 1905 hang in the Medical Staff Room, Bulfinch Building East.

The rose Wedgwood is a specimen of some china made under the direction of Dr. Washburn in 1931 to be sold as souvenirs. The floral design of the pattern is called the “Terrara wreath.” The picture is taken from the John Taylor Arms etching. This china was manufactured in the Wedgwood factories of Etruria, England. The fact that Dr. Washburn ordered the copper plate pattern destroyed after a limited quantity of china had been made adds to its value. These new pieces, as well as the old are highly prized. They share a place in our regard with the cherished brass trays! A few of the rose platters are still on hand in the Massachusetts General Hospital store room and may be purchased there.

Mt. Silinda Training School

Southern Rhodesia, Africa

HELEN N. EVERETT, 1920

It was on the 5th of January that I left New York on the Rex, Italian Queen of 51,000 tons. The 5 days to Gibraltar were mostly cold, windy and wet, so we had to do our promenading chiefly under cover. It didn't even get warm at Gibraltar. Our landing was interesting. About fifty Loyalists from Spain, going to Rome for the wedding of the Infanta to some Italian Count, got on board before they would let us off at all. They looked bored and so did we, I'm sure. We got ashore in a tender as the harbor is apparently unequipped with modern docking facilities. As we huddled close to the big ship and looked up at it, it seemed as if we were at the base of a great mountain all lighted up with electricity. The view of this mass of brilliance was even more impressive as we approached the inky blackness that was Gibraltar;

we couldn't see a thing of the rock which was all I was looking for, and it was raining. It took about 2 hours to get our baggage all straightened out and get to the Grand Hotel, built in 1892, but as one of the guests said, 1492 seemed nearer the truth. I had to be awakened at 6 o'clock in order to be on board the tender with all baggage and meet the *Guilio Cesare* by eight. As it began to get light I saw the huge outlines of the great rock stretching skyward just in back of the dock. The town, which is small, is built on the sloping side of this rocky eminence. There probably is no depth of soil as they say they have to import all their food. I found it rather a dreary place, though picturesque, sure I was quite disillusioned. For instead of jutting upward to form that famous gate we have always heard about that wretched rock actually faced toward the coast of Spain and the long slanting slope is on the Mediterranean side. It is 30 miles across the Strait, so I didn't see the African shore until an hour or so after getting on board the *Guilio Cesare*. The Coast of Spain continued to be visible for some time then the outline of Africa appeared, at first, just barren-looking rocks. In a couple of hours or so we saw the white buildings of Tangier, a city of Morocco, and then it wasn't long before we passed out of sight of land.

Two days later we made our first stop, landing at Dakar, Capital of Senegal. Again we went ashore in a tender. Strangely enough, this West African city had a decidedly Oriental air, in the shops, the long flowing robes of the people, and, some of the architecture. As we passed along a street, we met a woman veiled in Turkish fashion with only eyes visible. The natives were very small and seemed unusually polite. Glancing into an open courtyard whence strange sounds were proceeding we observed a Moslem kneeling, with face turned toward the Mosque droning his evening prayers. Dakar is a very hot place and we were certainly fortunate in arriving when the sun was fairly low. On the dock I saw what I thought was a huge sandpile. When I got nearer, I discovered that it was a pile of peanuts waiting to be exported. I never saw so many peanuts in my life. This is one of their principal exports. Our boat looked like a floating palace as we returned to it in the evening and we had a feeling akin to coming home when we stepped aboard.

After thirteen days we arrived at Capetown. Table Mt. looked down and gave us a gracious welcome just as an old friend should. But the city was terribly hot and we greatly missed the lovely ocean breezes. I was glad to be met by some of our Congo Missionaries, the Hartzlers, who were there for a much-needed rest. There followed two days of shopping and visiting old friends and then all aboard for Rhodesia. I found myself with three nice

travelling companions; a nice Rhodesian lady who had been on the ship with me and two little Dutch girls who were going back to school at Mafeking. Saturday was a distressing day passing through the breathless Karao. Acres on acres of barren rocky land with a few dried up desert weeds and once in a while a flock of sheep grazing on—you wondered what. Often we crossed a dry river bed; the country is quite irregular, being often broken by low hills or kopjes as they call them in South America.

It was a great relief, by Monday, to arrive in green country again. I had to change trains at Bulawayo to go northeast to Umtali, the railend for me. This time I was assigned to a compartment with a young girl just graduated from the Univ. of Natal in Art. We had about 28 hours' ride through open green pastures with great rocks piled on each side or resting on the ground at jaunty angles, as though the giants of old had used them for brick-bats. We stopped at all the important sidings. At Gevelo a young German couple got off to begin work at the gold mines. All the little mines have taken on new life since the price of gold went up.

Umtali is a cosy little town, almost surrounded by dark purple mountains. Had to wait here two days for the lorry to take me to Mt. Silinda. 140 miles. I was perched way up in front on the seat with the driver, which is made to hold four persons. The covered back was piled high with baggage and we had a trailer carrying a girder for the Sabi Bridge. We went up hill and down dale through a wilderness of bush country, finally stopping about noon for tea at a tea-house along the way. At Hot Springs, we stopped so that I could taste and smell the water which was full of sulphur.

The Sabi Valley was the hottest part of our ride, but picturesque on account of the giant baobab trees that grow there. We were glad to leave our big trailer and to see the beautiful new one-span suspension bridge under construction. Soon the scenery changed completely and we climbed out of the Sabi Valley by a road of three big hair-pin turns over "Three-Span-Berg", a rise of at least 1000 feet. On the other side, we could look down on the fertile Tanganda Valley where is located a big tea estate. Later, we found a sample of their delicious tea waiting for us in a thermos bottle at a little summer house bordering there, a nice bit of advertising, which I for one certainly appreciated. About dusk, we pulled into Chipinga, where I was met by the Mission Doctor who had come to treat some of the white people there and to carry me the 22 remaining miles to Silinda. We came all the way in pitch darkness, so my first impression of this place was a very inky one. Needless to say I was quite thrilled to be at my journey's end.

The Mission is located partly on the side and at the foot of Mount Silinda which is only 3800 feet about sea-level. The com-

pound is in the shape of an oval about a mile long and half surrounded by a unique forest of tall trees and all kinds of jungle vines, whose beauty and utility has made this place famous. The forest is peopled by troops of baboons which you can often see springing from limb to limb as you walk through in early a.m. or toward sundown. Through the centre of the oval flows a small stream fed by a spring where is a ram which pumps water to all the houses, of which there are 8 missionary residences, besides boys' and girls' dormitories and a Hospital for whites and natives. There is also a workshop where manual training is taught and a small power plant which furnishes some current for light and work of various kinds.

The Educational is the most important work here. There are 38 boys and girls training to be teachers and some 300 other pupils in the Day School. There are pupils from Kindergarten to Standard VII which corresponds to our 8th grade. Many of the pupils are older than we would have in the corresponding grades, but they begin their courses in Teacher Training in St. V. as this school serves a far less advanced community than those in the South. I teach most of the St. V classes. Bright youngsters, some of them; others quite stupid, as you find true of white ones but most of them interesting and some of them fascinating. Besides them I have 1½ hours daily with a different class in teaching English, Reading, Spelling, Writing and Oral. We start classes at 7:15 a.m. and except for an interval at 10:15 for tea are teaching until 1 p.m. In the p.m. the pupils have their industrial work and as I am only teaching Academic work I have no p.m. classes. Our life here is well ordered and we have time for daily tennis when the weather permits. We are now in mid-winter and it is cold enough so that we have to wear a sweater all day long. We have fire places to heat the houses but the school rooms have no heat and are now quite uncomfortable. It is really the dry season but we have an occasional rain, sometimes a frost, though never any ice. In spite of that all kinds of flowers are blooming, especially loads of sweet peas; a fine citrous fruit crop is about to be harvested. We have avacado pears in abundance which are delicious to eat with a sprinkle of salt or cut up in salads. We buy meat from a store 2 miles away and plenty of fresh vegetables from the natives most of the year.

I had a very nice trip out which I have made an attempt to describe in the enclosed letter. I promised to write something for the Quarterly but am afraid this will be too long drawn out and uninteresting to use. Possibly you can pick out some part of it that will do.

When I look around at these bright-faced and good-hearted

black people, I wonder that they have the heart to practice the superstitions that they do! For instance, they kill all twins because they believe that it is bad luck to have them, and some one in the family will be sick and die if they are kept. Not long ago one mother took her day-old twins to a kind white farmer's wife not far from here and asked her if she would take her babies and bring them up, as she said, "My husband and I want to keep them, but our parents insist that they must be killed." You see that parental authority is still quite strong in Africa. The white woman said she would take them and brought them to the Hospital to be cared for until they got a little older. One of them died after two weeks as it had been very weak anyway and the other one did well and the lady came and took it to her home. But for this handful who are saved by white people, you wonder about the majority of twins which are secretly and swiftly disposed of. I was very much pleased about a couple of months ago to see a fine pair of twin boys—about two years of age, christened at church. It's only the Christian natives and white people who are saving the twin babies. Even they have to watch them closely or someone of the family who is not Christian may sneak around and poison or injure them. Not long ago, we were at a native wedding about three miles from here and we saw a nice pair of newly born twins which the mother was taking good care not to let get out of her sight for a moment.

Then again, all natives who die from anything except old age, have died an unnatural death, that is, they have been taken by some evil spirit or else, by some ancestral spirit in revenge for some neglect in worshipping them. Now this spirit acts through a human agent, so the head of the family must find out the one who, spirit-possessed or bewitched, has caused the death of the victim. Of course, the witch-doctor must be employed to "*smell out*" the witch and he will settle upon some personal or family enemy and decide that he is the guilty one and must therefore die, unless, he can prove his innocence by living, after drinking poison. Thus many innocent persons are killed right along in the heathen kraals. It certainly will take many more years of hard missionary work before this awful scourge of witch-craft has been stamped out. Of course, it is against the law of the land to engage in witch-craft but these heathen people are able to carry on a great deal of their mischief without anyone knowing it.

South Carolina
presents the
NURSE-OF-THE-MONTH FOR MARCH

MARGARET E. HARRY, 1919

I was taking a nurse's training course in the Massachusetts General Hospital when the World War was going on. Then in the Spring of 1920 I went into the heart of the Southern Appalachian Mountains to work, and for eight years I practiced my profession there. I could not have chosen a field more fertile in satisfactory results. A legend survives that this was the country of my forefathers, who helped to settle and to subdue the wilderness. Thus an inherent affection and an inner understanding caused me to cling to this land of my ancestors and to its people.

Late one cold March afternoon I left the railway station, riding in a horse-drawn vehicle over dirt roads, for a destination which was some eighteen miles away. A biting wind slapped at my cheeks and cracked the branches of trees against one another under the dark heavens as we meandered over the lonesome trail. Night settled over the land, and a star or two came out and blinked at me strangely. Dismal peaks grew black and very high; the winding trail led over tall mountains, through deep gaps, and across narrow valleys to a hamlet on a plateau within a stone's throw of the crest of the Blue Ridge.

Here through crystalline air, over bypaths and roadways, I went from settlement to settlement, doing preventive and curative nursing wherever I was needed. Traveling was on foot . . . five, ten, twenty, or even thirty miles in the course of a day, and sometimes night would envelop me when a stretch of many miles lay between me and the next hamlet.

Everywhere I found children in need of education. Today many of them are finishing high school and college courses. Through them better health will be spread to many people, perhaps not scientifically, but at least intelligently. Of all my work, I treasure most the chance to encourage education for these under-privileged children, for in them lies the hope of the future.

The Oconee County Health Department where I am working now was organized in 1929 and carries on a generalized program in prophylaxis and health education. The unit has three divisions: executive, clerical, and nursing. There was a sanitary inspector for a part of this year and the work has been an ever-widening health service for the people.

Oconee County is the westernmost tip of the State of South

Carolina. The area is 650 square miles, 200 of which are mountain land, and 450 undulated terrain. A portion of the Nantahala National Forest lies in this region. The lower half of the county is agricultural, and some of the finest apples found in the United States are grown here. The main line of the Southern Railway runs through it, and all parts are accessible because of good roads. The county is industrial as well as agricultural, with five cotton mills within its boundaries. It is urban and rural. The population is 33,365 of which 6,398 are Negroes.

There are twenty-three resident physicians in the county, twenty of whom do active practice, but there is no hospital or facilities for caring for the sick outside the home.

Of special interest this past year are these developments in the general program:

1. The incidence of measles was considerably above the usual expectancy and not all cases were isolated and quarantined.

Many families were unable to pay for medical service, and when such instances were met, advice relative to treatment and nursing care was given.

2. A diphtheria campaign was instituted and many children throughout the county were reached and immunized against the disease with one-dose toxoid.

3. A few cases of typhoid fever appeared in the county during the year. Each case increased the possibility of prevention by stimulating those of the community to request an anti-typhoid clinic in their neighborhood where they might take the preventive treatment.

4. Parents no longer resent the requirement by the State that the child entering school must be vaccinated against smallpox. During the year 795 children were given the anti-smallpox vaccination.

5. In health conservation the field of venereal disease control has not been so thoroughly developed as it might be. Examinations and advice were given a number of cases, and booklets on the diseases have been obtained from the Health Department.

6. The battle against tuberculosis has been an up-hill fight, and prevention of the disease remains the fundamental problem. The spread of health information, diligent contact follow-up, and the segregation of cases by placing them in the State Tuberculosis Sanatorium have been effective.

7. Hookworm—Intensive education over a period of years has reduced the incidence of hookworm to that of a very few cases. Families afflicted with the disease were instructed in sanitation and control of it, and treatment was given.

8. During the past year a Civil Works Administration Sanitary Pit Privy Construction Program was undertaken in South Carolina

and other states. The work resulted in 846 privies being built in this county.

9. Orthopedic—Crippled children have been given a chance in life through corrections and work done for them in the Shriners' Hospital of Greenville. For those unable to pay for transportation back and forth it was provided by the Federal Emergency Relief Administration, Red Cross, and interested individuals.

10. Pellagra—There has been a marked reduction in the incidence of the disease over that of last year. The Federal Emergency Relief Administration has co-operated and given yeast to those unable to buy it, and in many instances a pellagra diet was provided.

11. There are thirty practicing midwives in this county. Their knowledge of obstetrics is limited but under the supervision and requirements of the State Board of Health and the local Health Department they have improved in technique and work in competition with one another. Their standard of work has been raised, a sense of responsibility has been aroused, and they are registered and licensed by the State.

Extracts from Letters

FROM ANNIE FLETCHER (1892), SANTA BARBARA, CALIFORNIA

I will send you a short account of my summer, although not as interesting as some which I have spent in Arizona and Nevada. As I got to the northern part of California and into Oregon the wild flowers were beautiful all along the tract; we arrived in due course of time at Seattle and then took the boat over to Victoria. There is a large lake in Seattle, fine locks have been built so that ships can go up there and get cargoes; if the ships are coated with barnacles, they all drop off in the fresh water. A lovely park in Victoria with the broom in full bloom was just a mass of gold. I often go up Beacon Hill there to get a view of Mt. Baker—when it is not in a mist—it is a beautiful peaked mountain covered with snow glistening white in the sun; across the Sound are the great Olympics—such a solid mass—always some snow on them, and forming a gigantic fence to the north of the State of Washington. There are two lakes in this park, one belongs to the royal swans that King George presented and the other connected by little meandering streams covered with water lilies. The streams have deep sides with little falls and pools with dainty ferns and flowers adorning the sloping banks. The larger lake has islands where the common swans live and nest.

After a short stay in Vancouver, I took the train over the

Canadian Rockies. I will not try to describe them for, although I have gone over them many times, climbed the mountains, wandered by the rushing rivers in some parts and watched the waterfalls, ridden steep high trails and seen the dear little Alpine flowers and the snow lilies, the grandeur is more impressive each time. I made a stay in the foothills near the Indian Reservation of the Crees; they were holding their sun-dance on the other side of the Bow River and were encamped in tepees, the tom-toms going day and night for about a week or more. Later on we saw a great many of them on their ponies, all getting ready for the stampede at Calgary. They wore bright silk handkerchiefs on their heads, the squaws were in print skirts and big blankets about them with two or three children peeping out from the voluminous folds. How they keep on a horse, I do not know, as the Indian women are not given to reducing. When I rode over the Indian Reservation, my little cayuse, seeing its friends, made a dash over to join them. It being the day the Indians go for their meet, there were a great many riding and the squaws just leaned over and laughed at me, but I managed to pull up my little steed before I was too much humiliated.

On the way back over the mountains, I stopped at Emerald Lake. It is very beautiful surrounded by forests and enclosed by very high mountains, and such lovely flowers, wild forget-me-nots as tall as my walking stick.

We have had very little summer weather, a very few hot days, a very few nice ones, as to the rest—well, I have been freezing most of the time since I left California.

JOSEPHINE F. DREW (1889), SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA

Last month I had a little visit with Miss Hannah J. Brierley, 1887. She had been to San Francisco to visit friends she made while she was Superintendent of St. Luke's Hospital Training School there.

Mrs. Hannah Pray Davison (1882) and I met her in San Diego.

Last Tuesday I visited Mrs. Alice Bayson Cleveland (1889) at the U. S. V. Hospital at San Fernando. I had lunch with her. She is about as usual and always cheerful.

HELEN ROSS LADE (1913)

St. Luke's International Hospital, Tokyo, Japan

March 30, 1935.

The cherry tree outside my bedroom window is getting ready to bloom. I have a tall bronze jar in my office with branches of white and pink "Bouquet"—that is Japonica, you know it by the name of Japanese Quince.

We have had a very busy winter in the Hospital—full most of the time. Since Professors Shiota and Inada joined our staff, we are getting a great many of the very old, well-born and wealthy Japanese—which is both good and bad! When they come, with a regular suite, it is taxing to one's patience, and tact often. One man dying of cancer, had a hundred and twenty-five or fifty visitors per day, calling, leaving cards, fruit, flowers, etc., etc. He had three secretaries just receiving callers and gifts! Of course it helps our revenue, but—well you can imagine some of the problems for yourself. At present we have a Prince (they say he is the topnotch next the Princes of the Imperial Blood) but he will be out soon—as he had a very simple appendectomy. Professor Shiota is, of course, a marvelous surgeon, undoubtedly the most famous in Japan, and the speed with which he works is something to see, at times. Did I ever tell you about these two men: Inada was Dean of Medicine, and Shiota of Surgery at the Tokyo Imperial University, and a year or so before they were due to retire, came to see Dr. Teusler about joining our Staff as consultants, or regular members of the Staff; of course he was delighted; it was very flattering for St. Luke's, and they started last spring, while we were in America. He would be even more delighted to see how the experiment is working out—but he never had that satisfaction. Inada is a Christian, and one of the loveliest characters I have ever known. Shiota is much more like a brusque, business-like American surgeon—quite different types.

(The boy tells me if I stop this, it can catch the mail.)

Reunion of Class of 1910

The twenty-fifth anniversary dinner of the class of 1910 was held at the Women's City Club, October 23, 1935. Miss Parsons and Miss McCrae were the guests of honor. Twenty-one members of the class (out of a total of 34) were present. Most of the class not able to attend the dinner either sent personal messages or were accounted for by some one present. Letters were read from Margaret Gleason Webster and Myra Whitney. Some of the group came a considerable distance to attend the reunion: Lottie Potts Leland, from Minneapolis, Minn.; Mary Chayer from New York; Helen Parks Wood from Chicago; Leona Forsythe Fairfield from Portland, Maine.

A donation of \$59.46 was given to the hospital to be used for the purchase of something for the training school. Miss Johnson suggested a cabinet for preserving articles of historical interest to the school.

The occasion of such a reunion, with the opportunity for the renewal of old friendships left everyone with a feeling of gratitude to the Hospital and to those responsible for our training, especially to Miss McCrae who has given to so many nurses, much more than just "practical nursing." Her high ideals of living have inspired all of us. Altogether the reunion was a success and a "good time was had by all."

Those attending were: Sally Johnson, Florence Colby, Katherine Gilday Malone, Faith Dobbie Fuerbringer, Mary A. Walsh, Ross Morrison Warren, Edna Harrison Jones, Lottie Potts Leland, Mary E. Chayer, Helen Parks Wood, Hazel Wedgwood, Katherine Woods Lacey, Leona Forsythe Fairfield, Alice Munsie Kingston, Anna Griffin, Annie Robertson, Lillian Dobie Balboni.

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This is a book which every nurse will wish to own.

In the Foreword of the book Dr. Richard C. Cabot says:

"As an interested physician I have long wished that the scientific and practical wisdom accumulated in the Skin Clinic of the Massachusetts General Hospital might be written down for the benefit of those who really need it.

"What then should be done to arouse concern about skin troubles? We need expert guidance such as Dr. Swartz provides in this book. We need also a nurse's detailed directions for carrying out the doctor's treatment. Miss Reilly provides these even better than a doctor could provide them, because she has carried out these treatments expertly for a good many years in the Massachusetts General Hospital Skin Clinic. She knows the difficulties and how to overcome them.

"So far as I know this is the first book in which a dermatologist and a nurse have co-operated to give us our money's worth. Here at last the diagnostic mind and the therapeutic hand work together and we all get the benefits. The book is a public service. It will, I believe, be widely and deeply appreciated."

EXCERPT FROM PREFACE

"It gives me great pleasure to write a short preface to this book. It is different from other works on dermatology in that it has been produced by the collaboration of a trained dermatologist

and a nurse who has specialized for many years in the nursing care of skin diseases. It was written in response to many requests of former students of the Harvard Medical School and of Public Health Nurses for a book giving especial attention to the details of treatment of skin diseases. In this book, in addition to the excellent descriptions of each disease and the valuable diagrams for differential diagnosis, there is an unusual wealth of detail, considering the size of the book, in the paragraphs on treatment and nursing care.

"The authors have had nearly fifteen years of experience in the Department of Dermatology and Syphilology at the Massachusetts General Hospital, where they have had the advantages of working in a large out-patient clinic (at times over 350 patients in a single morning) as well as the opportunity of following the more interesting patients in the Skin Ward, also in teaching both medical and nursing students. For the greater portion of this period they have worked under the guidance of Dr. Charles J. White and Dr. Harvey P. Towle, and more recently under my direction.

"I feel that the book is well written and am sure that it will prove useful to both students and practitioners of medicine."

E. LAWRENCE OLIVER, M.D.

The M. G. H. Loan Fund

History and Purpose

The Fund was established in 1930 and is maintained by voluntary contributions from graduates of the Massachusetts General Hospital Training School for Nurses.

The Fund is intended to be used for loans for educational purposes by M. G. H. graduates.

Administration

The Fund is administered by a special committee appointed by the Executive Committee of the Alumnae Association.

Amount of Loan Available

A sum not exceeding \$500 may be borrowed for an academic year of study.

A sum not exceeding \$250 may be borrowed for one semester or a summer's course of study.

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2. At least one year's experience in nursing field.
3. Acceptable academic standing and professional achievement.
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Repayments are made on the monthly installment plan, payments being due on the *10th of each month*, except July and August, commencing *3 months after completion of course*.

The amount of each payment is to be decided by the committee in consultation with the applicant at the time the loan is made.

Interest starts at the beginning of the second year, and is 2% of the balance for that year. The rate is then increased to 4% simple interest on whatever balance remains at end of 2nd year.

Repayment is to be completed within a period of 4 years from date when loan is received.

The personal signature of the applicant is the only guarantee required.

Exceptions to the above rulings may be made at the discretion of the Committee.

Dr. Arlie Vernon Bock to direct Harvard Health Plan

Dr. Bock has been recently named head of Harvard's Hygiene Department and Stillman Infirmary. He is a native of Iowa, a graduate of Upper Iowa University in 1910. In 1911 he entered Harvard Medical School, graduating in 1915 leaving an excellent record behind him and with a brilliant future. 1916-17 he served on the West Medical Service of Massachusetts General Hospital as house officer. In 1917 he entered the service of United States, serving for two years overseas as an officer in our army. Later in his career (in 1926) Dr. Bock was made a member of Harvard Medical School teaching staff and a member of the Staff of Massachusetts General Hospital, serving as visiting man of West Medical Service, a position he now holds. Dr. Bock will take over his new duties at Harvard in September, 1935.

Notes and Comments

Probably many of the Alumnae are aware that Miss Charlotte M. Perry (1892) our war-time President of the Alumnae Associa-

tion presented to the Hoover War Library, Stanford University, a set of scrapbooks on the Great World War—war hospitals, war nursing, war poetry.

At the forty-fifth graduation of the Anna Jacques Hospital School of Nursing, Newburyport, Massachusetts, Miss Elizabeth E. Sullivan (1913), Supervisor of schools of nursing in Massachusetts, was the speaker. Miss Sullivan paid tribute to the high type of leadership of the Superintendent Miss Violet L. Kirke (1905).

Mrs. Frances Pomeroy, former superintendent at the Physicians Hospital in this city, who, since 1932 has been superintendent of the Saranac Lake General Hospital, has tendered her resignation at the quarterly meeting of the hospital board of directors Tuesday. Ill health was given as the reason for Mrs. Pomeroy's resignation, which is effective May 15.

High tribute to Mrs. Pomeroy's efficient management of the Saranac Lake hospital during the past three years was paid by the directors, who expressed regret that she was compelled to make such a decision.

Many of the Alumnae will be sorry to hear of the death of Dr. John Bryant of 120 Sargent Road, Brookline, well-known among physicians, on September 19, 1935, at his home in Brookline following an illness of several months.

Spring Hat

They'd seen everything at the Massachusetts General Hospital accident ward—everything.

But here was something that called for a brain surgeon with plumbing, gas-fitting and riveting experience.

The patient came into the ward wearing a huge paper bag, grocery-shopping style, over an invisible head. There was a slit for the eyes, another to allow for breathing. Except for the obvious embarrassment of his mother, the boy looked like a junior king klegle of the Kock-eyed Klub.

In a corner of the ward the boy's grocery-bag turban was removed by a couple of amazed internes. What they saw was a perfectly normal, somewhat abashed-looking boy, with a soup pot over his head down to the ears like a close-fitting derby.

"It's my fault," the mother said. "I was going to cut his hair and put the pot on him to make it even. Now I can't get the pot off."

"Guess," an interne said, "we'll have to blast."

Oh, yes; the paper bag. That was to hide the boy's pot hat from public view.

STUDENTS' PAGE

Editors

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Dance

On the evening of August 30th an informal dance was sponsored by the Student Nurses Co-operative Association. Miss Mary Connelly, vice-president of the Association was Chairman for the dance. About 35 couples enjoyed an evening of dancing to the accompaniment of the excellent music furnished by the Band of the Silver Star.

New Class

The new class of 72 students entered the School on Wednesday, September 4th. On that afternoon the Ladies of the Training School Committee gave a Tea for the new students and their friends. It was a miserable, rainy day but the cheerful fires in both fireplaces and the cordiality of the welcome given them helped the new students to feel at home very soon. That evening their "Big Sisters" looked them up so that there was no time for them to become lonesome.

On Sunday, September 7th, two big buses filled with Big and Little Sisters went to Cedar Hill in Waltham. It was a beautiful, warm day so that all could enjoy a swim and games. About 5 o'clock the group collected around two huge fireplaces to make sandwiches and to cook "hot dogs" and toast marshmallows. After supper all sat around the fires and sang familiar songs until dark. It was voted a most enjoyable outing.

Miss Roberts has conducted 3 of the 5 sight-seeing trips scheduled for the new students. These trips have been: Old Boston, Peabody Museum of Harvard University and the Art Museums. One trip is compulsory for each student, the others optional.

Activities

Miss Morse, the Occupational Therapy Director, is giving a series of 8 lessons in Handcraft for the students and graduates. This is a repetition of a similar course given last year.

The Student Glee Club, under the direction of Miss Dorothy Smith, starts rehearsals next week for the Christmas Candle Light Service. Over 60 students have joined the Glee Club this year and all are trying to have an even better Service than the one last year.

The Swimming Club goes to the Y. W. C. A. on Thursday evenings for a half-hour swim. There are 32 students belonging to this club and all very enthusiastic.

Basket Ball, Bridge and Tap Dancing are the other activities planned but which have not started to date.

The Student Nurses Tennis Tournament was played last July. Miss Bertha Sneck, a first year student, won the Singles from 22 other contestants. The Doubles were won by Miss Lillian Stelfox and Miss Louise Cronin, both Senior Students.

The Inter-Hospital Tennis Matches have been played with the Peter Bent Brigham Hospital, the M. G. H. girls coming out as winners. Both the Singles and Doubles went to three sets each. The score for the Doubles was: 2-6, 6-3, 6-4. The score for the Singles, 6-3, 3-6, 6-2. Miss Bertha Sneck, the winner of our Tournament had the misfortune of severing a tendon in her finger so was unable to play in the Inter-Hospital Tournament. Her place was filled by Miss Lucy Denio who was runner-up.

Our team won the Doubles Tournament with Newton Hospital, the score being, 6-3, 4-6, 6-4. The Singles have not been played as yet.

People We Know

Miss Emmeline K. Mills (1913) has been appointed Superintendent of Nurses at the Union Memorial Hospital, Baltimore, Maryland.

Miss Helen Boylston (1917) was a recent visitor at the General. Her present address is Westport, R. I., care of Mrs. Frank I. Cobb.

Miss Dorothy Leavitt (1926) is the Field Secretary for the Northern Worcester Public Health Association.

Miss Helen Joy Hinckley (1913) has accepted the position of Supervisor of the Infirmary at Pickwick Dam. Her new address is T. V. A. Medical Section, P. O. Box 711, Corinth, Miss., Pickwick Dam.

Sylvia Perkins (1928) is Instructor in Ward Administration and Ward Teaching at Morristown Memorial Hospital, Morristown, N. J.

Having completed the X-ray course at the General Miss Dorothy Fletcher (1934) has gone to Southbridge Hospital as X-ray nurse.

Miss Nancy White (1931) spent the past summer at Dr. Grenfell's Mission, Labrador.

Miss Mary Whitelaw (1932) is Instructor at Boston Lying-In Hospital.

Miss Erna Kuhn (1914) began her duties as Instructor at McLean Hospital September 1, 1935.

Miss Mary Canning (1923) relieved in the Training School Office at the General during the month of July.

Dorothea Keough Berry (1929) of Atlanta, Georgia, spent the summer with her young son at her family's home in Taunton.

Constance Graham Lund (1928) of Madison, Wisconsin, dropped in at the General one day during her visit East. Mary Rogers (1912), Florence Illidge (1911), Mabel Chalmers Comins (1916) are other visitors of this summer. Mary Rogers Bates (1916) visited Miss Johnson at the hospital in September.

Miss Mary Lammers (1935) has joined the staff of the Community Health Association of Boston.

Esther Martenson (1925), Katherine Blunt (1933), Ruth Harrington (1932) are attending Teachers College at Columbia this term. Sylvia Perkins (1928) is attending part time. Gladys Lawrence (1916) is enrolled for the course in Hospital Administration, and Mary Springer (1926) is enrolled for the course for Supervisor and Teacher.

Miss Eleanor Smith (1928) is Supervisor of the Lower Wards at the General.

Miss Ruth Schilling (1934) is head nursing at the Beth Israel Hospital, Newark, New Jersey.

The several changes in the head nurse group at the General include Edith Roberts (1935) on Ward 12, Alma Cady (1935) replaced Linda Burgess (1930) on Ward 23. Miss Burgess is now on Ward C-D, and Blanche Haley (1930) is Supervisor in the Emergency Ward. Cordelia King (1932) is Supervisor of the Operating Room.

Miss Marjorie Johnson (1929) is Instructor in Sciences at Malden Hospital.

Mrs. Hazel C. Davis (1923) is now Superintendent of Nurses at the Mary Fletcher Hospital, Burlington, Vermont. Nora Morris (1920) is in charge of the ninth floor of the Baker Memorial.

Miss Mary Holmes (1935) is an assistant at the Alexander Eastman Hospital, Derry, New Hampshire.

Two recent gifts to the endowment fund have come, one from Mrs. Lambert Hickey, and the other from an anonymous giver.

The following graduates are doing public health work: Marion Roberts (1935) in Westbrook, Maine; Ruth Riley (1935); Helen Welch (1935) in Flushing, New York; Catherine Ostrander (1935) in Great Barrington, Massachusetts; Eleanor Fiske (1935); Penelope Karr (1935); Barbara Foss (1935) in Boston.

Miss Ethel Doherty (1909) has been appointed Superintendent of Nurses at the General Hospital, Saranac Lake, New York.

Miss Anna Shaheen (1922) and Hazel Walker (1924) attended Teacher's College at Columbia this past summer.

Miss Daphne Corbett (1925) is now located at the Worcester Memorial Hospital, Worcester, Mass.

Miss Helen Voight (1933) is taking the head nurse's course at Simmons College this fall. Grace Riordan (1933) completed the course this summer.

Miss Helen Dunbar (1933) is a scrub nurse at the Columbia Hospital, Washington, D. C.

Alice Teresa Breen (1930) and Alice Mathilda Gustafson (1933) employed as Head Nurses at the Massachusetts Eye and Ear Infirmary, attended the Summer School of Teachers College, Columbia University.

Annie C. Carstensen (1905) sailed from Boston in June for a five weeks' tour of England, Scotland and Wales.

Adelaide A. Mayo (1917) has recently been appointed Director of the Russell Sage College School of Nursing and Professor of Nursing Education in the College, Troy, New York.

Helen Daly (1922) has returned to her home in Napanee, Canada. Miss Daly has been substituting in the Admitting Office of the Massachusetts General Hospital and Baker Memorial.

Elizabeth Howarth (1935) has accepted a position at the Massachusetts Eye and Ear Infirmary.

The Macmillan Company has recently published a book by Dr. Jacob Swartz and Margaret Gilson Reilly (1916) on "Diagnosis and Treatment of Skin Diseases."

Alice Teresa Breen (1930) has resigned as Head Nurse of the Men's Ward at the Massachusetts Eye and Ear Infirmary to accept a position as Teaching Supervisor of the Eye and Medical Wards of the Syracuse Memorial Hospital, Syracuse, New York.

Mary M. Rogers (1912) who has been on furlough in United States sailed on the Aquitania, October 17, 1935 and by the S.S. Strathmore from London to India, October 26, 1935. Miss Rogers has been a missionary nurse in India since 1918.

Helen M. Lehmann, 1928, has an appointment on the staff of the Children's Fund of Michigan. Her address is Apartment 3, Christians' Restaurant, Owosso, Michigan.

Correction

Miss Minnie Poke, Supervisor of Theatrical Instruction at the General, has been given a scholarship for work on the Curriculum at Teachers' College during the intersession period.

Where to Write

1. Send letters for publication of marriages, births, engagements, news, queries as to addresses, etc., to Melissa J. Cook, Melrose Hospital, Melrose, Mass.

2. Change of address to, Walborg L. Peterson, Massachusetts General Hospital, Boston, Massachusetts.

3. Annual dues with change of address to, Annie C. Carstensen, Massachusetts General Hospital, Boston, Massachusetts.

4. Send obituary notices to, Elizabeth Hatlow, 1111 Boylston Street, Boston, Massachusetts.

5. Send Sick Relief dues to, Elizabeth Hatlow, 1111 Boylston Street, Boston, Massachusetts.

6. Send donations for the Endowment Fund to, Alice Maude Townsend, 39 St. Marys Street, Brookline, Massachusetts.

7. For the Loan Fund to, Miss Katherine Pierce, Massachusetts General Hospital.

In Memoriam

Lydia Ross Mackinnon, 1932

July 29, 1935

Little Narrows, Nova Scotia

Mrs. W. I. LaFon

(Alice Main Hakes, 1891)

July 9, 1935

Southampton, Long Island, N. Y.

The sincere sympathy of the Massachusetts General Hospital Nurses' Alumnae is extended to the families and friends of our departed members.

Harriet O. Coombs, Class 1885

Boston Training School and Massachusetts General Hospital, Boston, Massachusetts.

Died May 27, 1935, in Boston following a long illness from heart disease.

After a brief experience as head nurse and private duty nurse, Miss Coombs left to enter the Boston Lying-In Hospital where she was graduated in 1887.

In 1889, Miss Coombs was selected to fill a new position at Boston Lying-In Hospital. The position which was created for the purpose of relieving the superintendent, gave Miss Coombs entire charge of the nurses. Seeing their needs, she arranged classes for their instruction, and systematized the work of teaching. She herself conducted weekly classes and later in the year organized the first course of lectures given by the Staff Physicians at the Boston Lying-In Hospital.

Miss Coombs returned to the Massachusetts General Hospital in 1908 as head nurse in Ward G, the ward for the treatment and study of skin diseases.

In 1913, she resigned to take charge of St. Luke's Home for Convalescents in Roxbury, Massachusetts. Here she remained until her final retirement owing to ill health.

For a period of forty-one years or more in the various positions and offices held in her professional life, she has given the fullness of her years and the best of her efforts in loyal and efficient service. She served as Treasurer for a number of years in the Nurses' Sick Relief Association, Massachusetts General Hospital.

Engagements

On August 24, 1935, Mr. and Mrs. Sidney E. Packard of Westfield, Massachusetts, announced the engagement of their daughter, Marjorie Packard (1933) to Joseph J. Murphy of Somerville, Massachusetts.

Marriages

On February 16, 1935, at Pawtucket, Rhode Island, Janice Evans (1930) to Mr. Terrance M. Burak. Mr. and Mrs. Burak will be at home after October 1, 1935, at 155 Prospect Avenue, New Brighton, Staten Island, New York—Apt. 3-F.

On September 4, 1935, at Lynn, Massachusetts, Alice Carson (1935) to Mr. T. A. O'Leary, Jr.

Carey-Thurston. Marion Thurston (1930) to Mr. Frederick Carey on July 8, 1935, at Errol, New Hampshire.

Parrey-Thurston. Ann Parrey (1930) to Mr. Gerard Thurston on July 18, 1935, at Hyde Park, Mass.

Elliott-Smyth. Ruth Elliott (1932) to Mr. Robert Smyth on July 24, 1935, at Cambridge, Mass.

Norton-Frank. Mary Norton (1929) to Mr. Henry Frank on July 20, 1935, at Boston.

Jones-Kranes. Dorothy Jones (1930) to Dr. Alfred Kranes on August 17, 1935, at Georgetown, Mass.

Brisson-Hawkins. Alice Brisson (1932) to Dr. James Hawkins on September 15, 1935.

Dr. Hawkins is now interning at the Cincinnati General Hospital; present address is 3244 Burnet Ave., Cincinnati, Ohio.

Fitzgerald-Holloway. On May 4, 1935, Eleanor Fitzgerald (1923) to Mr. C. D. Holloway. At home—54 Back River Rd., Dover, N. H.

Merrill-Dunnack. On September 4, 1935. Florence E. Merrill (1908) to Rev. Henry E. Dunnack. At home—16 Waban Street, Augusta, Maine.

Rollins-Merrow. On September 2, 1935, in the Universalist Church, Lawrence, Massachusetts, Muriel Rollins (1930) to Mr. Everett Pulsifer Merrow, Jr.

Births

A son to Mr. and Mrs. John O'Conner (Thelma Thomas, 1931) on September 30, 1935, at the Baker Memorial.

A son to Mr. and Mrs. Phillip A. Raspe (Shirley Lee Baron, 1930) June 9, 1935, at the Boston Lying-In Hospital.

A son, William Parker Hartl, to Rev. and Mrs. Emil M Hartl (Elizabeth H. Parker, 1931) May 9, 1935.

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EDITORIAL

Christmas was lovely at the Massachusetts General Hospital this year as usual. On Christmas morning the traditional caroling echoed throughout the hospital. A certain glory is felt when singing the familiar carols while marching along the corridors in the early morning before daylight.

There is something very sweet and spiritual about Christmas. Whatever it is may it always abide with us.

"Everywhere, everywhere and in every heart Christmas tonight."

Christmas Candle Light Service

PHYLIS PATON

Christmas cheer was spread throughout the hospital on the evening of December twenty-third when the Glee Club entertained an audience of five hundred persons at their annual Christmas Candle Light Service. The spectacle was one never to be forgotten as the nurses in glistening white, each bearing a lighted candle, entered singing that great favorite "Sing We Noel." Miss Edith Benson sang charmingly her solos in "O Holy Night" and "Stars Lead Us Ever On," an unusual Sioux Tribal song. A very lovely tale, "The Story of the Christmas Angel" told by Miss Marie Scherer gave an added note of interest to the performance.

However, the address given by Dr. Richard C. Cabot on "What Christmas Might Mean to the Nurse" was the outstanding event of the evening. One feels sure that, as a result of his talk, students showed added genuine sympathy and good will toward their patients on that joyful day.

The credit for this outstanding concert goes to Miss Dorothy Smith, the conductor and one of our senior students, for the interest, time, enthusiasm and musical talent she has shown throughout the months as she directed and trained the seventy-six members of the Glee Club.

During the concert flowers were presented to Miss Smith and to Mrs. Ruth Elliott Smyth, our faithful accompanist, as symbols of the gratitude and appreciation felt by the students.

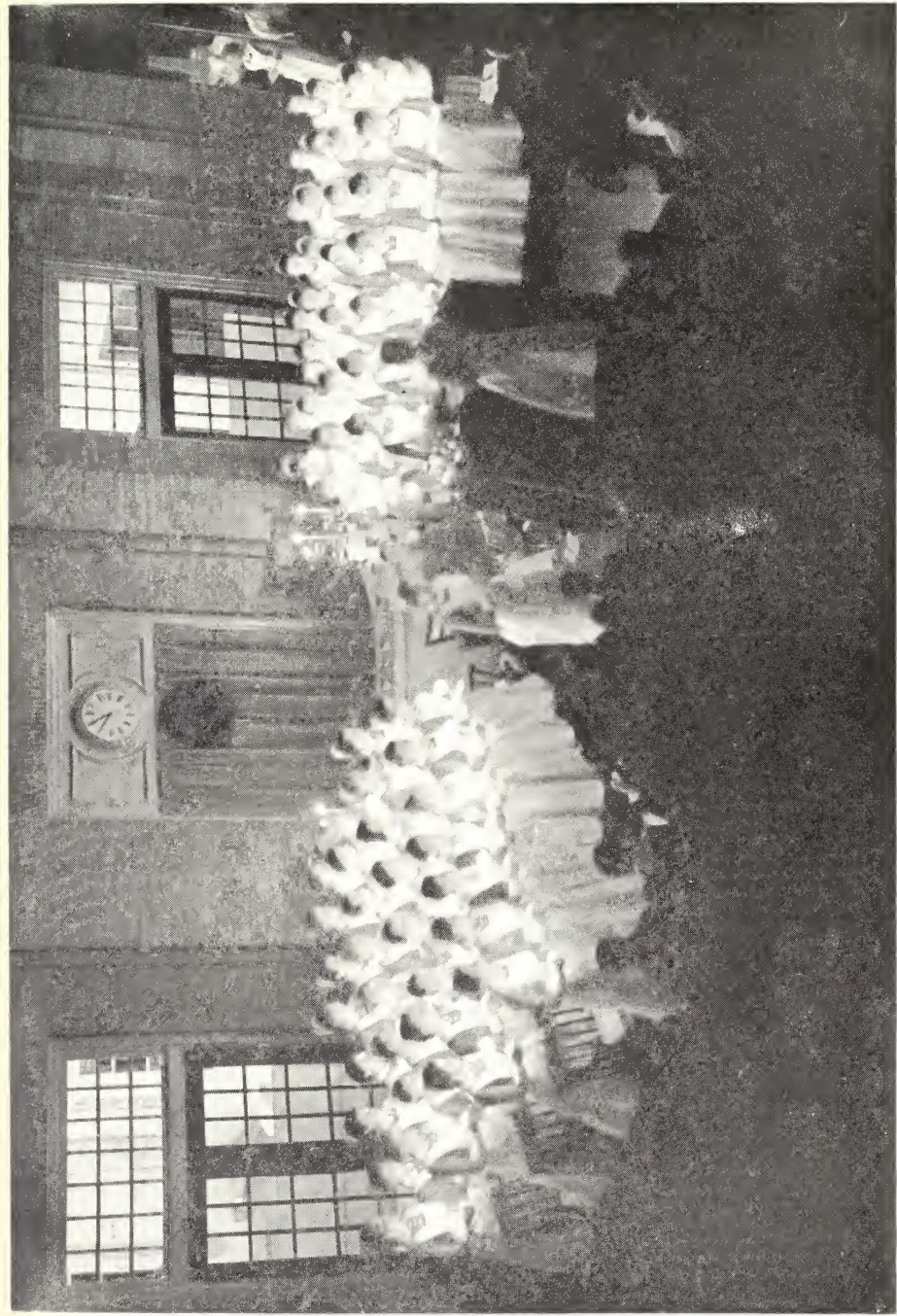
Christmas Open-House

EVA BORRNER

For the many girls who were not able to go home for Christmas, the annual Open House at Walcott on Christmas Eve was a pleasant event after tramping in the cold on Beacon Hill listening to the carolers. A fire seemed very good along with hot cocoa and crackers with cheeses. About seventy-five girls came in to bid a Merry Christmas during the evening. As usual this was sponsored by the Student Nurses' Co-Operative Association.

Christmas Candle Light Service

Photo by Robert L. Thomas, M.D.



A HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL!

Let us all do a worthwhile job in whatever place we are and a Happy New Year is ours.

We know we must face a period of change and readjustment. Let us meet it with wisdom, faith and courage.

"Finish each day and be done with it. You have done what you could. Some blunders and absurdities, no doubt, crept in. Tomorrow is a new day; begin it well and serenely."

"Another year gone by."

Its voices die

Retreating down the corridor of Time,
The New Year in fresh vestments waits without,
To enter the cathedral of your life,
And chant the music of its services.
What will they sing—these unheard days to come?
Te Deums, most, we hope."

"The New Leaf"

AUTHOR UNKNOWN

"He came to my desk with quivering lip,
The lesson was done.
'Have you a new leaf for me, dear teacher?
I have spoiled this one!'
I took his leaf all soiled and blotted,
And gave him a new one, all unspotted.
Then into his tired heart I smiled:
'Do better now, my child!'
'I went to the throne with trembling heart,
The year was done.
'Have you a New Year for me, dear Master?
I have spoiled this one!'
He took my year, all soiled and blotted,
And gave me a new one, all unspotted,
Then into my tired heart He smiled:
'Do better now, my child!'"

Alumnae!

Start the New Year right. Attend your Alumnae meeting each month. Come and bring another. You cannot afford to miss the business, you must keep up with the progress of the school and your organization; the program is informing and entertaining; the social hour—greeting old friends and meeting new ones—gives much pleasure.

“Just Belonging”

There is no merit in just belonging to the Alumnae. The real meaning is the personal effort we put forward to make the organization a success.

The Loan Fund and the Endowment Fund are needing our interest and assistance. These funds are organized to help the nursing school and the Alumnae of the school for post graduate study.

It is only seven years since the Loan Fund received its first contribution. Stop and think to how many this little fund has given “a chance”!

Come on, Alumnae! Let us swell the Loan and Endowment Funds.

Graduation

The Graduating Exercises of the Nursing School will be held on Friday evening, February seventh, at eight-thirty in the Rotunda of the Administration Building. The guest speaker will be Dr. Cecil K. Drinker, Professor of Physiology and Dean of Harvard School of Public Health.

The Baccalaureate services will be held February second at seven-thirty p.m. at Trinity Church, Boston, Massachusetts.

Children's Fund of Michigan

HELEN M. LEHMAN, 1928

"I know of no greater obligation resting upon the adults of a civilized nation than the application of their love for their children in those practical organized ways which guarantee that each generation of young folks will have progressively greater opportunity of arriving at manhood and womanhood better equipped for life's contest than their predecessors had. Science contributes year by year a constantly enlarging stream of knowledge of how to keep the body well, how to cure sickness, how to train the mind for more efficient performance, and how to mould the character for strong and resourceful struggle against odds. It is a major business of adult mankind so to organize this growing fund of knowledge and so to apply it that more and more children will be able to start the race of life without handicaps and on even terms.

"The purpose of the Children's Fund of Michigan, as I see it, is to assume whatever portion of this responsibility towards the children of the State of Michigan that it may within the limits of its capacity." James Couzens.

I believe the above quotation gives a fine idea of the purpose in Senator Couzens mind when in 1929 he gave \$10,000,000 toward the welfare of the children of Michigan and in 1934 he added \$2,225,000 to this first amount.

The program of this organization is divided into four parts. The first of these is the Child Guidance or Mental Hygiene department. This section of the Children's Fund has its headquarters in the Children's Center in Detroit. It offers a clinic where expert medical, psychiatric, psychologic and social work service may be carried out. It diagnosis the difficulties at the seat of disturbances in children who are either actually sick or acutely unhappy through mental or emotional causes. It confines its work to those children who are normal, excluding the feebleminded and delinquent. There are under this main group such things as education, boarding children, and studying living conditions of children. Dr. Maud E. Watson is in charge of this department.

The next part of this Fund is the Research Division. There is a laboratory at 660 Frederick St., Detroit, carried on cooperatively with the Children's Hospital of Michigan. In this laboratory work on vitamins, minerals, deficiency diseases, blood chemistry and certain dental problems and their relation to the health and well being of children is carried on. Dr. Icie Macy is in charge of this department.

-The Child Health Division is the third I have listed. The

largest expenditure is found in this department. Most of the work is carried on in the northern part of the state. The children in 58 counties receive service. In some counties you find the nurse working with the county health units, in others several counties have united and have one health unit, and in others there is only the Children's Fund Nurse. Shiawassee County, where I am located is of this later type.

The program that the nurses attempt to carry out is very extensive and varied. It is divided into pre-natal, infant, pre-school, school, crippled child, and tuberculosis. In other words the nurses deal with anything that may effect the health and happiness of children. The nurse makes pre-natal visits, reporting the cases to the State Department. In all parts of this work the nurse tries to deal closely with the doctors of the county—getting cases from them and reporting back again to them after they have made their calls.

The birth certificates are sent directly to the nurse and she takes them to the homes. In this way she keeps track of the infants born in the county and is able to help the mothers to care for the babies.

Each school child should be inspected every year by the nurse in the counties, as mine, where there is no health officer. If it is not possible to do a thorough inspection to every one the nurse should do a rapid inspection on those she cannot reach otherwise. The teachers are taught by the nurse to test the children's eyes and hearing. If the teachers have facilities for weighing and measuring children she is urged to do this also.

There is so much in all of these fields that one would like to do that there are times when you get discouraged but you have to think how much you are doing that would not be done at all if you weren't there and after I have been here a while longer I hope to be better able to organize my work so that I can accomplish more.

Under the Child Health division there is a very extensive dental program. The nurse in some counties arranges for the clinics through local groups and the Children's Fund has dentists which are sent out in the summer. In other counties there are full time dentists. These clinics are for only the indigent children.

The Children's Fund also has on its staff two Ophthalmologists who devote their time to testing the eyes of the indigent children of the state. Clinics are held in various localities throughout the state and the nurse in the county makes up a list of the children needing attention in her county.

The last division of the Children's Fund is under the head of Miscellaneous. It would be impossible for me to innumerate all the points which come under this. They are such things as feeding indigent children, camp for negro children, a loan library of children's

books, and an extension course in health education for the rural teachers of the state.

There are many points of our work which I have not touched on here such as work with the Mich. State Tuberculosis Association, Crippled Children's Commission, Welfare agencies, etc., but I think the above will give you a fair idea of the work being done. It is a fine work and I wish more Massachusetts General Graduates were in on it but I seem to be the only one at present.

Report of Advisory Council Meeting

BARBARA WILLIAMS, 1920

The dinner meeting of the Advisory Council held on October 23, 1935 in connection with the State Association convention was a very enjoyable and helpful meeting. There were seventy-eight people present, representing forty-eight out of the eighty-nine alumnae associations in the State.

Mrs. Delight Jones, the state president presided. Following the dinner there were several informal reports, and Miss Graves, from the Cooley-Dickinson Hospital in Northampton, sang a group of songs, accompanied by Miss Lee. Miss Ross, chairman of the Headquarters Committee called attention to the fact that in checking the state membership with the re-registration lists of both 1934 and 1935, there were one hundred and seventy-seven members found not to have re-registered at the State House in either year. Re-registration yearly is necessary for membership eligibility in the state association. Mrs. Jones reminded the group that it is not legal in Massachusetts to use "R. N." unless a nurse is re-registered each year. In checking over our own alumnae lists some months ago, there were a few members found, who had not renewed their registrations for 1934 and 1935, but we hope for more careful attention to this matter next year.

The speaker of the evening was Miss Ella Best, associate director at national headquarters. She spoke on two questions which had been submitted by the alumnae groups in advance. The first concerned suggestions to stimulate interest in our alumnae, district, state and national associations. The same general principles could be applied to each. In considering, for example, our own immediate organization, we should think of the purpose of the association, as contained in the by-laws; the promotion of the professional and educational advancement of nursing. Next we should consider the needs of our members, and then the objectives of our association as interpreted in present trends in nursing. The result of such a careful plan or program

would be a group of well informed members, as there are many ways of spreading information besides that gained at attendance at meetings, through bulletins, news letters etc. Many other ideas were presented for actual planning and carrying out a successful program for the year.

The second question which Miss Best discussed was whether an alumnae association would be justified in expecting all private duty nurses using its directory or the hospital directory to be members of the district association and how this requirement should be enforced. Miss Best said that the answer was "yes"; "if the alumnae association is taking such a responsibility, the registrant should be a member of the district". She took up many other questions and her whole talk was especially helpful and interesting because she gave practical ways of meeting each problem.

Besides listening to the speaker, each person present had a chance, during the dinner, to talk informally with members from other alumnae groups; two treasurers, for example, could be found who were sympathizing with each other over common problems. One left the gathering with the feeling that she was proud of her own association, that she had gained ideas for its further development and that many of its trials and successes were common to other groups in the state.

Report of the School Nurses' Section

CONTRIBUTED BY MARY A. CANNING, 1922

The nurses' meeting under the auspices of the School Nurses' Section was held in the Statler Ball Room on Wednesday, Oct. 23, 1935. Miss Helen F. McCaffrey, chairman of that section, presided.

Mrs. Ruth Fletcher, Registrar of the School of Education of Boston University gave an "Explanation of the University Credit System." She defined the terminology of hours, units, credits and points. A university program was discussed. There are two points to consider when deciding on a university program, first determine the objective and then check the type of preparation already received. It is not always advisable to be swayed by the university which allows credit for previous work. The minimum requirements of a university program are 120 semester hours and usually include courses in specialized, allied and elective courses. Courses previously taken at an accredited school may be credited providing they correlate with the program. These programs may be taken as whole or part time study. Anyone contemplating such a course should consult the registrar of the university she plans to attend and learn what her status is.

Miss Mary Ella Chayer, Instructor in Nursing Education, Teachers College, Columbia University, New York City discussed the "Changing Conceptions of School Nursing." The scope of school nursing has changed appreciable in the past ten years. Formerly only the physical aspect was considered but at the present time the aim of health education is the development of the child's physical, mental, social and emotional health in order to prepare him adequately for adult life. The specially trained nurses and physicians are best fitted to care for the health and attendance of the school child and teacher. The teacher, however, being so trained in the art of pedagogy plays no small part in the teaching of health. The teacher-nurse relationship is one of the most important factors in the health problem. The teacher should know what the physical status of the child is, whether or not there are any remedial defects, what the home environment is, what, if any, mental or emotional factors are present which prevent the child from developing a healthy outlook on life. With such a knowledge the teacher can render valuable service. She should develop the child's knowledge through the spirit of inquiry and enlarge upon the child's experiences through science. The school nurse should make the most effective use of her time and the opportunities at hand. She visits the home to interpret the school health program to the parents and in so doing acquaints herself with environmental conditions. She takes advantage of each opportunity to address Parent Teacher meetings and other organizations. She shares the health responsibilities with other public health workers. She provides teachers, pupils and parents with authoritative literature regarding health. She keeps adequate records which not only show physical handicaps but will be comprehensive enough to include the mental, emotional and social history which tends to give a more thorough understanding of the child. Lastly the progressive nurse prepares herself against future changes in school nursing by increasing her knowledge of health problems, needs of individual children and new techniques.

At the business meeting of the School Nurses Section following immediately after the speakers the following officers were re-elected for the coming year.

Miss Helen F. McCaffrey—Chairman

Miss Maude Brown—Vice Chairman

Mrs. Ellen Wood Almeida—Secretary

Miss Brown read the report of the Education Committee. The committee's aim is to improve the standards of those entering the field of school nursing as well as those already in it.

"Nurses of Yesterday and Today"

This pageant was presented under the direction of the State Red Cross Committee at the annual convention of the nursing organizations.

It went off with all the smoothness of a professional performance. Miss Annabella McCrae played the part of Sairey Gamp with abandon and understanding, tipping the cup with her friend Betsey Prig.

The audience was enthusiastic and appreciative.

The cast must have felt doubly paid for its part in the production.

The Hobby Show

KATHERINE E. PEIRCE, 1921

When plans were being made for the annual 1935 convention of the Massachusetts State Nurses' Association, someone had the happy idea that we might follow the lead already taken by medical societies and other professional groups in having a Hobby Show. The suggestion came in the summertime, which we all know is not often the best time to stimulate activity among nurses. So it is understandable that only two or three alumnae associations throughout the state made any response to the letter sent them in July.

However, a really hardy plant thrives even without much cultivating, and so when a second notice of the Hobby Show was printed in the fall issue of the Massachusetts State Nurses Association BULLETIN, and a few suggestions were made to local groups, the response was vigorous, and unexpected, and most gratifying. The idea seemed to strike a fresh note, and to touch a very real interest in many people's lives.

The results are well known to anyone who went to the meetings and saw the display of handwork, needlework, china, jewelry, copper and pewter, painting, photography, pottery, tooled leather, stamp collections, wooden toys, etc. It is probably natural that women should turn most readily to sewing, knitting, and crocheting for their diversion, and the things displayed showed a fine quality of workmanship. The other lines of interest were less numerous represented, but showed a wide diversity of achievement, and were an incentive to everyone of us to look into ourselves and our abilities. The person who has learned to enjoy turning clay or wood or paint or yarn or

metal into things of her own creation has another hold on the satisfaction of living, and that is always contagious.

Can such a side line as this "Hobby Show" be repeated at future nursing meetings, and still retain the freshness and spontaneity of this first occasion? We hope so.

Curriculum Revision

At the annual meeting of the Massachusetts League of Nursing Education in October, great interest was shown in the papers presented at the various meetings. The hope was expressed that some of these could be printed. The suggestion was made that they could be used for further study in connection with head nurses' staff meetings. Other uses for them will probably come to mind.

The papers given at two of the sessions, one on general duty nursing, the other on curriculum revision have now been collected and mimeographed. Copies of these two sets of papers may be secured from the Massachusetts State Nurses Association, 420 Boylston Street, Boston, at the rate of 25 cents per set. This charge covers the cost of mimeographing. Those who were at the meetings will find the re-reading worth while; those who were unable to hear the papers will find a clear and helpful presentation of the problems involved in each case.

A Very Successful Institute

CONTRIBUTED BY ETHEL V. INGLIS, 1925

M. G. H. graduates always have a feeling of real pride in any of their fellow alumnae who have "made good." Those of us who listened to Anita M. Jones, class of '21, conduct a two-day Institute on Maternity recently were convinced that it was the best thing we had heard in a long, long time.

Miss Jones is Assistant Director of the Maternity Center Association in New York City and the Institute was sponsored by the Massachusetts Department of Public Health and The Commonwealth Fund for the purpose of educating and stimulating public health nurses throughout the state. Institutes were held in Pittsfield, Worcester, Lowell, Boston, Harwichport, and Taunton.

Not only is Miss Jones thoroughly informed about every phase of her subject but she has extraordinary success in putting it across.

Any person who can talk steadily for two and one-half hours in the morning, two and one-half hours in the afternoon, then repeat the stunt on the following day and leave her audience calling for more, must be *good*!

It is a great thing to be able to face a group of people, talk informally and naturally, intersperse incidents and stories calculated to draw a laugh, and withal to inspire that audience with enthusiasm for the subject presented.

We know we are using superlative terms but that's the way we feel about Miss Jones. She does a superlatively fine job in her chosen field.

The 8-Hour Day For Nurses

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A year ago attention was called to the movement in behalf of the eight-hour day for private-duty nurses—instead of the twelve-hour day and the eighty-four-hour week. Since that date marked local progress has been made toward the general adoption of the schedule which divides the twenty-four-hour period among three nurses instead of between two. The hospitals in District 13 (including Manhattan, the Bronx, Westchester County and Staten Island) that have adopted the eight-hour schedule exclusively are Beth Israel, Broad Street, Flower, French, Misericordia, Mount Vernon, New York Post-Graduate, Peekskill, Roosevelt, St. Joseph's (Yonkers), St. Vincent's, St. Vincent's (Staten Island) and United (Port Chester); and those that have made the eight-hour schedule optional are Doctors Hospital, Fifth Avenue, Knickerbocker, Memorial, Mount Sinai, New York Presbyterian, Ruptured and Crippled, St. Luke's, Staten Island and Woman's. Eighty per cent of these have adopted the plan in the last fourteen months. There are 7,000 nurses working as "free lances" on private duty in this district, being more than all the other groups of nurses combined (public health, institutional, &c.), and one-third of them are connected with the hospitals that have so far adopted the eight-hour schedule.

The adoption of the shorter schedule does not involve an increased cost to the hospital nor does it result in a greater cost to the patient for the average period of illness. It is estimated that it will mean even a lessened cost during minor periods of convalescence. As for the nurses, the lower fee per day is offset by the greater number of days of employment. Under the old schedule there was too much

for some and too little or nothing for others. The most important argument in favor of the new schedule is that it results in less fatigue for the nurses, gives them more security of employment and offers more leisure for recreation and professional study—all of which is likely to make their services to the patient of greater inherent value, of finer quality. The American Nurses Association has voted unanimously in favor of the eight-hour schedule; and every hospital that has given it a fair trial has adopted it as a permanent plan.

While a very favorable report of progress is made for this district, in the country as a whole, nine out of ten hospitals (exclusive of those under city, county, State or Federal control) still hold to the old twelve-hour schedule. There is still a long way to go. But the nurses are not asking for compelling legislation. They seek to have the plan voluntarily adopted—and universally. It is ultimately in the interest of the patient as well as immediately for the benefit of the nurse.

School For Midwives Closes

Unknown to most people the Bellevue School for Midwives has gone quietly about its business for twenty-four years. The school was originated as an aid to immigrants living in New York City who had been accustomed to employing midwives in child birth. The need was obvious since old records show that in 1914 forty per cent or about fifty thousand babies were delivered by midwives. Trained women helped to preserve this new generation. Now customs have changed. In 1934 eighty-one per cent of New York City babies were born in hospitals and only five per cent were delivered by midwives. And so to save the twenty-five thousand dollar cost of the school, when the twenty-one members of the present class graduate in June the two brownstone dwellings on East 26th Street which housed the school will be closed.

Worth Passing On

The first public school in North America, now known as the Boston Public Latin School, has recently celebrated its three hundredth anniversary.

A bronze tablet at the institution reads, "From the seed planted here the whole American system of education grew."

Dr. Anna Hamilton

On October 19, 1935 at Bordeaux, France, Anna Hamilton, M. D., passed away. The story of Dr. Hamilton's years of courageous effort to found in France a modern system of nurse education has won for her the admiration of the nurses of the world, and particularly those of the United States.

The American Nurses' Memorial was made as a gift to Dr. Hamilton for the Florence Nightingale School of Nursing at Bordeaux, France.

Gratitude

For sunlit hours and visions clear,
For all remembered faces dear,
For comrades of a single day,
Who sent us stronger on our way,
For friends who shared the year's long road,
And bore with us the common load,
For hours that levied heavy tolls,
But brought us nearer to our goals,
For insights won through toil and tears,
We thank the Keeper of our years.

— CLYDE McGEE.

Staff Conferences at the General

Weekly conferences have been held regularly throughout the year on Tuesday at one p. m. between head nurses and supervising nurses in charge of the various departments.

These meetings are conferences held in an informal way; every head nurse has an opportunity to present her particular problem and also to receive instruction concerning changes which take place and to be set right on the complicated job of "running a ward."

We cannot attend such meetings without appreciating the fact that they are meant for improvement in the program of the school and in the actual care of the patient.

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Dances

The Senior class has sponsored 3 informal dances this Fall. The evenings of September 27th, October 23rd and November 21st will be remembered with pleasure by the large groups which attended these dances. Not only did everyone have a good time, but the class managed to clear a good profit, to be used toward expenses for their Senior Ball. The class is to be congratulated on these very successful dances.

Bazaar

On December 4th the Senior Class, under the very able leadership of Miss Julia DeMane, held a Bazaar in Walcott House. There were innumerable articles for sale, all of them made or donated by members of the class. The food table was also well stocked and very popular.

About 9:30 P. M. there was a short entertainment in the Living room. After that we all went down stairs to the classroom for a surprise. And was it a surprise!

On the screen they showed us pictures of some babies. They told us they were baby pictures of the Training School Office members and we had to guess who was who. There were 2 prizes given by Miss Johnson, to the ones who could guess the most right. They were such cute babies!

Prob Party

The new class gave a party for their Big Sisters on October 15. The very amusing entertainment was a "take off" on Major Bowes Amateur Hour with Florence Gladwin acting as master of ceremonies. Little did the Big Sisters realize that such talent lay hidden in the class. Dancing and refreshments followed the entertainment.

The weekly activities are as popular as ever. The Glee Club, 76 strong, presents the Christmas Candle Light Service on Monday evening, December 23rd at 8:30 P. M. in the Mosely Building. Dr. Richard Cabot is to be the guest speaker.

Basket Ball is very popular this year. The only thing we regret is the fact that we have no games scheduled as yet. We are open for challengers.

Bridge Club has 12 members, all trying to master the intricacies of Contract.

Poems of Inspiration

To recent graduates:

No chance—why there's nothing but chance!
For the best verse hasn't been rhymed yet,
The best house hasn't been planned,
The highest peak hasn't been climbed yet,
The mightiest rivers aren't spanned,
Don't worry and fret, faint hearted,
The chances have just begun,
For the Best jobs haven't been started,
The Best work hasn't been done.

—*Berton Braley.*

To the 1932 Brides:

We sing of no wild glory now,
Emblazoning some story now
Of mighty charges down the field beyond some guarded pit;
But humbler tasks befalling us
Set duties that are calling us,
Where nothing left from hell to sky shall ever make us quit.

—*Garland Rice.*

To the would-be Brides:

The eyes of life are yearning, sad,
As humankind they scan.
She says, "Oh, there are men enough,
But where'll I find a man?"

—*St. Clair Adams.*

To the Night Nurse:

Thick is the darkness—
 Sunward, O, sunward!
 Rough is the highway—
 Onward, still onward!
 Dawn harbors surely
 East of the shadows.
 Facing us somewhere
 Spread the sweet meadows.
 Upward and forward!
 Time will restore us:
 Light is above us,
 Rest is before us.

—*William Ernest Henley.*

Institutional Nurse:

Work!
 Thank God for the swing of it,
 For the clamoring, hammering ring of it,
 Passion and labor daily hurled
 On the mighty anvils of the world.
 Oh, what is so fierce as the flame of it?
 And what is so huge as the aim of it?
 Thundering on through dreath and doubt,
 Calling the plan of the Maker out,
 Work, the Titan; Work, the friend,
 Shaping the earth to a glorious end,
 Draining the swamps and blasting the hills,
 Doing whatever the Spirit wills—
 Rending a continent apart,
 To answer the dream of the Master heart.
 Thank God for a world where none may shirk—
 Thank God for the splendor of work!

—*Angela Morgan.*

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THE ALUMNAE

Report of Alumnae Meetings

OCTOBER 29, 1935

One hundred and twenty members gathered in the Walcott House Classroom, October 29th, for the first fall meeting of the Alumnae Association. In the absence of the President, Miss Kathleen Atto, Vice-President, conducted the meeting. Reports were read by the Secretary and Treasurer and the following new members were admitted to the Association:

Active Members

Carol Gertrude Hill 1934
Elizabeth E. Gardiner 1933
Janet Murray Gandler 1933
Mary E. Lammers 1935
Elsie A. Lindquist 1931
Sarah E. M. McCullough 1935
Helena Julia Prondecki 1933
Madeline Alice Tolman 1933
Anna V. Wedell 1929
Barbara Berry Leahy 1934
Doris Craig Preble 1933
Wieno L. Sneck 1933
Mildred Thomas Thistle

Non resident

Mildred Agnes Purtil 1934
Barbara A. Kalnit 1935

Associate

Elena N. Trayan 1920

Dr. and Mrs. Nathaniel Faxon were guests of honor at the meeting. Dr. Faxon, in entertaining reminiscence, reviewed the days when he first became acquainted with the Massachusetts General Hospital, as an Interne, and in 1920 as Assistant to the Director.

He concluded his talk by a brief discussion of the present policies of the hospital and training school and a suggestion of changes necessary to provide the best in modern nursing education.

After the meeting an informal reception was given to Dr. and Mrs. Faxon.

Signed, Hilda G. Blaisdell (1920).

NOVEMBER 26, 1935

The November meeting was held in the Walcott House Classroom, with the President, Miss Barbara Williams presiding.

Roll call by classes:—

Before 1900: 3 members present
1900-1909: 2 members present
1910-1919: 12 members present
1920-1929: 9 members present
1930: 4 members present
1931: 1 member present
1933:
1934: 3 members present
1935: 4 members present

Reports of the Treasurer and Secretary were read and routine business transacted.

The following new members were accepted:

Active:

Miss Harriet M. Kennedy, 1930
Miss Fay Snelgrove, 1929
Miss Eleanor P. Foster, 1931

Non-Resident:

Mrs. Astrid Martensen Winn, 1935

A short talk in behalf of the Red Cross was given by Miss Sleeper.

Miss Johnson discussed the Endowment Fund and the advisability of using a small amount of the income from the Fund, in the hope of stimulating fresh interest.

Those who attended the Candlelight Service arranged by the Glee Club last year, will remember it as one of the loveliest of the Christmas observances. Again this year the Alumnae meeting for

December will be omitted, in order to accept the invitation of the Glee Club to attend the Candlelight Service which will be held in the Rotunda, Monday evening, December twenty-third.

An extremely interesting talk on "Old Lamps" was given by Dr. Rushford of Salem. He traced the history of artificial lighting from the torch of primitive man to the incandescent lamp. Many lamps from many lands were shown and demonstrated.

Refreshments were served in the Walcott House Living-Room.

Hilda G. Blaisdell.

On Friendly Wishing

"In the world's market friendly wishing has no great value, yet there are times when we would give all our gold for an outstretched hand, a kindly smile, or a friendly wish.

"Human hearts have broken for lack of these, human lives have been saved by so slight a thing as a look, a word, or a smile. I am stopping just long enough to send you this greeting and assure you of our friendly wishes."

The Editor of the QUARTERLY RECORD would be glad to receive reports of marriages, births, news items, as well as original material. These may be sent at any time but preferably before the fifteenth of the date of each issue that such may be included in the ensuing number.

To avoid error all contributions should be typed on one side of paper only.

Any information pertaining to what our graduates are writing is very acceptable.

REMINDERS

Alumnae Dues

The Treasurer wishes to remind graduates who have not paid their Alumnae dues for 1936 that February 1st is only a few weeks away and it would be most gratifying to have no delinquents when that time arrives.

Class Anniversaries

Class of 1880	55 years
Class of 1885	50 years
Class of 1890	45 years
Class of 1895	40 years
Class of 1900	35 years
Class of 1905	30 years
Class of 1910	25 years
Class of 1915	20 years
Class of 1920	15 years
Class of 1925	10 years
Class of 1930	5 years

The M. G. H. Loan Fund*History and Purpose*

The Fund was established in 1930 and is maintained by voluntary contributions from graduates of the Massachusetts General Hospital Training School for Nurses.

The Fund is intended to be used for loans for educational purposes by M.G.H. graduates.

Administration

The Fund is administered by a special committee appointed by the Executive Committee of the Alumnae Association.

Amount of Loan Available

A sum not exceeding \$500. may be borrowed for an academic year of study.

A sum not exceeding \$250. may be borrowed for one semester or a summer's course of study.

A second loan may be made for the same person at the discretion of the committee.

Qualifications of Applicants

1. Age, between 23 and 35 years. (Exceptions made at discretion of committee.)
2. At least one year's experience in nursing field.

3. Acceptable academic standing and professional achievement.
4. Good health, and suitable personal qualifications.

Procedure for Making Application

Blanks may be obtained from, and when completed should be returned to the Principal of the Training School, or the Chairman of the Loan Fund Committee.

Applications should be made by *May 1* of the year for which the loan is needed.

Repayment of Loan

Repayments are made on the monthly installment plan, payments being due on the *10th of each month*, except July and August, commencing *3 months after completion of course*.

The amount of each payment is to be decided by the committee in consultation with the applicant at the time the loan is made.

Interest starts at the beginning of the second year, and is 2% of the balance for that year. The rate is then increased to 4% simple interest on whatever balance remains at end of 2nd year.

Repayment is to be completed within a period of 4 years from date when loan is received.

The personal signature of the applicant is the only guarantee required.

Exceptions to the above rulings may be made at the discretion of the Committee.

What! Are You Going Too?

The Biennial Convention of the National Nursing Organization is to be held June 21-26, 1936 in Los Angeles. Read the December number of the American Journal of Nursing for convention news.

We should have a great M.G.H. get-to-gether of the Alumnae who are living on the Pacific Coast. Will all the Alumnae who plan to attend the convention send their names and addresses to the QUARTERLY RECORD by March 15, 1936.

News

Miss Johnson and her assistant, Ruth Sleeper (1922), recently spent a weekend observing at the Yale School in New Haven.

Mary Alice Bailey (1930) has accepted a position as Supervisor of the Operating Room at the Quincy Hospital, Quincy, Mass.

Walborg Peterson (1926) replaced Alice Coe (1907) at the Eye and Ear Admitting Office.

Bessie Helen Jones (1921) has gone to North Carolina to become Superintendent of Nurses at the Watts Hospital in Durham.

Rita Rein (1934) has been added to the anesthesia staff at the General to fill the vacancy left by Marie Smith Hamilton's resignation (1929).

Tirza Bagdikian (1935) is with the Springfield Visiting Nurses' Association. Florence Youngdain (1935) is with the New Haven Visiting Nurses' Association.

Hazel MacNeil (1935) is the assistant in the operating room at Englewood Hospital, Englewood, New Jersey.

Elizabeth Pumphrey (1918) has resigned from the admitting office at the General. Helen Daley (1922) is taking her place.

The post office of the General, Phillips House and Baker has been centralized and moved from the front office down to what used to be the old shock room opposite the Zander Room of the X-Ray Department.

Ann Kalnit (1935) is an operating room staff nurse at the New Haven Hospital, New Haven, Connecticut.

Cordelia King (1932) recently spent a week at the Presbyterian Hospital in New York City to observe the organization and administration of the operating room.

Olive Sill Hinman (1906) has enrolled for postgraduate work in surgical nursing in the University of California Hospital.

Hannah Price Meredith (1929) is assistant to the psychologist, Edith Potts of New York. These women give psychological tests to applicants for nursing schools which are interested in tests and measurements of this type.

The General held "open house" on Tuesday afternoon, December 10th, with the Women's Crusade, in connection with the Boston Community Federation, serving tea in the Rotunda. Practically every department of the hospital had a display in the large brick corridor which proved most interesting to those who came. The movie "A Trip Through the Hospital" was shown in the Ether Dome.

The following young graduates, class of 1935, are doing floor duty at the Phillips House: Virginia Zurwell, Elinor Bull, Jean Chapman, and Frances Foley. The Baker Memorial has employed

the following: Inga Ekman, Marie Bressani, Martha Brown, Dorothy Butler, Theodora Dennison, Salome Engleman, Lillian Fletcher, Katherine Mahoney, Mary Ross, Ann Stokes, Margaret Thorpe, Chloe Wilcox, Mary Wilson.

Frances Lannon (1933) is a student at the University of Maine.

Josephine Pitman Prescott (1920) is Director of the Bureau of Nursing in Washington, D. C.

Ethel V. Inglis (1925) has been re-elected Secretary of the local Red Cross Committee.

Miss S. Agnes Garvey (1901)^{*} who has been visiting her brother in Burlington, Vermont has returned to Montrose, California. She was accompanied by Miss Mary L. McKenna (1896).

Miss Esther Dart expects to leave for Vermont Inn, Daytona Beach, Fla., on January 15.

Alice M. Wescott, M.G.H. 1913, has resigned as Matron of the Massachusetts Eye and Ear Infirmary Nurses' Home. Miss Wescott is living at 39 Hancock Street, Boston.

Alice B. Coe, M.G.H. 1907, resigned last November from the Admitting Office of the Massachusetts Eye and Ear Infirmary to become Superintendent of the Milford Hospital, Milford, Massachusetts.

Katherine Holt, M.G.H. 1932, has accepted the position of Anesthetist at the Milford Hospital.

Elizabeth C. Haworth, M.G.H. 1935, succeeds Miss Holt at the Massachusetts Eye and Ear Infirmary.

Bertha M. Coskie, M.G.H. 1934, has accepted a permanent position as Assistant Head Nurse at the Massachusetts Eye and Ear Infirmary.

Mrs. Cornelius Hawes (Abby-Helen Denison, M.G.H. 1924) of Fall River, Massachusetts, visited the Hospital recently.

Mrs. Everett Trask (Sally Rowter M.G.H. 1918) is now "Hostess" to guests and visitors at the "Front Door" of the Massachusetts General Hospital.

Since the transfer of the Post-Office boxes, the whole appearance of the main entrance to the Hospital has been improved. The two dignified fluted or Doric Columns stand in full view. A door

way has been cut on the north side, new terrazo added, and the whole circular information desk polished.

The sympathy of the Alumnae is extended to Mrs. Charles Philips Hinman (Olive May Sill, 1906) on the death of her husband February 13, 1934.

Engagements

Hannah Price Meredith (1929) to Mr. Solon Kimball.

Births

A 7½ pound son to Mrs. Audrey Brown Oakes (1934) at the Lawrence Memorial Hospital on September 1, 1935.

Marriages

Margaret Dill (1930) to Mr. John Jacob Mudgett on November 9, 1935, at Derry, New Hampshire. Mr. and Mrs. Mudgett are now at home at 210 The Riverway, Boston.

Arlene Cook (1934) to Mr. Joseph J. Paterno on August 9, 1935, at Medford, Mass.

Barbara Berry (1934) to Mr. John Leahy on June 14, 1935.

Janet K. Murray (1933) to Mr. Z. Leslie Gardler on August 7, 1935. Mr. and Mrs. Gardler are now at home at 407 Linden St., Wellesley Hills, Mass.

Marguerite Riley (1935) to Mr. W. S. Drescher. Mr. and Mrs. Drescher are at home in Daner Plains, New York.

Change of Address

Mrs. Leonard Laird (Harriet Harris, 1928) is now living at 36 Old Farm Road, Wellesley Hills, Massachusetts.

Miss Sara E. Parsons has taken up her residence at 1111 Boylston St., Boston.

Miss Minnie S. Hollingsworth, 223 Mt. Auburn St., Watertown, Mass. Tel. Middlesex 3130.

Our Appreciation

To all who out of their very busy lives have taken the time to contribute articles for publication in the *QUARTERLY RECORD*. Their names have been printed. There are others too.

To Miss Helen J. Burgess and Miss Dorothy Tarbox for *The News* and Miss Hilda Blaisdell who edits the reports of the Alumnae Meetings.

Florence Nightingale

One of the world's greatest statisticians, says Doctor Walker, was Florence Nightingale. Few people realized that the Lady of the Lamp started her nursing career by pestering the British admiralty with facts and figures in carefully planned graphs of needless death and suffering on the battlefield. Without her statistical ability the world might never have learned of the angel of mercy. In her day she was called "the passionate statistician." She became thoroughly hated by the government before she was given the opportunity to become universally beloved.

Sculpturing A Picture

A New York department store has unveiled a sculptured reproduction of one of the world's most popular paintings. Attendants in the Tate Gallery in London have told visitors that if "The Doctor" by Sir Luke Fildes should be removed, the building might as well be closed. That of course is an overstatement of the fact that this painting is the magnet which brings far more visitors to the gallery than any other work it contains.

The artist went to enormous pains to produce the result he desired. He constructed a peasant's cottage in his own studio to observe the lighting effects he depicted. There sits the doctor watching the little girl by the light of a lamp which is beginning to dim before the dawn, with the mother kneeling beside the couch and the father standing in the shadow, with his hand on the mother's shoulder. That is all. But the picture tells a story of universal appeal. In its presence one realizes anew the simple truth that "one touch of nature makes the whole world kin."

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In the June, 1935, issue of the *M. G. H. Quarterly*, there was a brief outline of the development and purpose of the *M. G. H. Loan Fund*.

The use of this revolving fund over the past five years has been most encouraging, and the requests have outgrown the resources. Why should we not increase our fund insofar as is reasonable to keep pace with our increasing demands?

Perhaps there are new graduates of the school who have never yet had an opportunity to contribute to this fund. Perhaps there are others who would like to make another contribution. Gifts, large or small, will be welcomed and will help to make possible the better preparation of an increasing number of our graduates.

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Massachusetts General Hospital Training School for Nurses Graduation Report — February 7, 1936

Tonight we are gathered together to do honor to the sixty-first graduating class of this school. It numbers ninety-four, the largest in the history of the institution. You have heard much about the *over-supply* of nurses and you are asking *why* this large class and *what* they will find to do. At the time this class was admitted, schools of nursing were just beginning to think *seriously* about the over-supply, but the majority were doing little about it. It is true they were *telling* the applicants of the over-supply and of what it might mean to their future, and they were choosing students somewhat more carefully, knowing that the larger the number of desirable qualifications the graduate possessed, the more employment she would have. There are two results of these policies: first, although told of the discouraging outlook, those who were quite sure that they would succeed came, and many of these did succeed; second, there were fewer who withdrew after entering because a larger number of the more carefully chosen students kept up to grade. The result is a large graduating class.

There is no serious apprehension relative to the lack of employment for *this particular group* of young women. Our private pavilion has this year been reopened to its full capacity which will increase the amount of employment for both the regular and special staffs. In the not too distant future it is probable that building developments in the General Hospital will give us two more floors for patients in the Baker Memorial. The trend to increase the proportion of graduate nurses to pupil nurses, for bedside care of the patients, indicates that the number of graduate floor duty nurses in this hospital will probably increase.

In addition to the opportunities at home there has been, during this last year, a decided increase in the number of requests for candidates for positions elsewhere. There is, therefore, reason to believe that, although placement may be at first delayed and often only seasonable, the members of this class will have sufficient employment to feel reasonably secure. It is doubtful whether as large a percentage of the graduating classes from those schools that prepare for *other vocations* will be as securely placed as these young women will be. However, it is well that the *succeeding* classes are smaller. In the last analysis the hospital is the chief employer of these young graduates. This hospital will not continue to expand *indefinitely* and, therefore, cannot increase *indefinitely* the number of nurses employed.

We believe that these young women will not only have the satisfaction of *earning a living*, but will find satisfaction in *living*. We

believe this because many in the class have already demonstrated their ability, *and their willingness*, to be good citizens in our school community. Students who are good school citizens are usually good citizens in the larger field of life. The majority of these young women have demonstrated qualities of good school citizenship, not only by meeting the stress and strain of the day in a manner which indicates a mature point of view, but they have shared the responsibilities of the Co-Operative Government Association, supported the school activities, and created new ones. The Glee Club, under the leadership of a member of this class, has been the largest and the most faithfully attended of any Glee Club in the history of the school. Another group of students have produced creditable plays. Another member was captain of the basketball team that plays in the gymnasium of our good neighbor, the Peabody House. And over the mantle of the Walcott House stands four cups, trophies of *tennis* tournaments, some of them won by members of this class. Right here I might interject a remark that Dr. Washburn once made. He said, "If such tennis as I sometimes see played on *our* courts *brings home the cups*, *what* kind of tennis do the *other* teams play?" We enjoy a remark of that kind from that source. Reference is *made* to these activities to call attention to the fact that there *are* groups of young women in the schools of nursing today who have the energy to find the time to play a little. They practice what they preach; namely, that there is value in recreation. May I add that this class's financial acumen and accumulation have brought forth much favorable comment. This is quite in keeping with these times when we hope we are emerging from the depression.

Before *leaving* the subject of this class, I record with regret the death of Miss Winifred Brodie, a member of the five-year group, who died last August while on vacation. She was an especially good student, a scholarship student from her preparatory school. In fact, she had been granted a \$200.00 scholarship for this, her final year. Miss Brodie was very happy in her work and had ambitious plans for her future. That she could not have lived to have realized these plans seemed little short of tragedy.

Because this school is a *large* one and because the number of administrative and teaching staff is relatively small, there has been far too little opportunity for conferences with students. Therefore, this year we have appointed a group of advisors. Each member of the Training School Staff is an advisor to about twenty students whom she is to follow and to whom the students may feel free to go for counsel. The students' response to this means of help has been very gratifying.

The size of the school would lead the uninformed to believe that

the number of student nurses per patient must be very large. Anyone who is familiar with our situation knows that this is not the case. There are many departments, other than the wards, which contribute to the care of the patients, and to those departments nurses must be assigned; for example,—to the Out-Patient Department, Operating Room, and to the Diet Kitchen. The patients must be cared for day and night, a week of one-hundred and sixty-eight hours, while a student's week of nursing service is fifty-two hours. The implications of these statements are apparent. Then, too, there is always a large number of students away for affiliations.

Moreover, the number of nursing procedures now performed by nurses has greatly increased because of the advance made in *medical* science. Today nurses are expected to spend much time in teaching patients how to get well and how to keep well. Formerly much of this teaching and many of these procedures were done by physicians. Nursing has gone a long way since Linda Richards made out that requisition for the first piece of nursing equipment ever ordered for this school. The date of that requisition was 1874, and the *piece* of equipment requested was a thermometer for the use of the nurses. And so today hospitals are seeking further means of supplementing the nursing service and of relieving nurses from many of the duties which they formerly, and in fact quite recently, performed. Ward helpers and ward secretaries were long ago added as supplementary workers. During the World War the Red Cross prepared a group of volunteer workers known as hospital aids. After the armistice the majority of these workers withdrew, but many retained their *interest* in the hospital and are now numbered among its best friends. The Metropolitan Chapter of the Red Cross has *renewed* the preparation of volunteer *hospital aids*, and during the recent weeks a group of ten have worked in our wards where they are making a real contribution. The *value* of such volunteers had long been demonstrated by a group of workers in the *Out-Patient Department*, the largest of which is the group of clinic secretaries. This last year three young women have given several months of full time volunteer service in the capacity of ward secretaries: that is, from nine to five for five days a week, and from nine to twelve on the sixth day.

There is another trend which indicates that hospitals and schools of nursing are making greater use of their *lay* friends. I refer to the Advisory Committee to the School of Nursing. The National League of Nursing Education has created a committee to study the functions of these training school committees and to consider ways in which they can be of even greater usefulness. The Advisory Committee to this school is nearly forty years old and is an outgrowth of the committee that founded the school in 1873. It has no power of authority in the

literal interpretation of that term, but it has great influence. The personnel of that committee is an informed group; every year sees them better qualified to interpret the needs of the school and the hospital to the community, and, vice versa, better qualified to interpret the needs of the community to the hospital and the school. The committee, that it may be more effective, is in the process of dividing itself into smaller working committees. But little would be accomplished by such committees if their knowledge of the school came mainly through the medium of a monthly meeting in which they passively listened to whatever the principal of the school saw fit to tell them. And so the committee, in accordance with our present day beliefs in self education, and particularly in adult education, visits the classes and hospital wards, sometimes accompanied by a member of the Training School Staff who can interpret the situation which they see. Perhaps most important of all the members of the committee need to read. For their use a shelf of reference material has been made available. On that shelf is the current copy of the "American Journal of Nursing", reports of recent studies that relate to nursing, and copies of such books as "Nurses, Patients, and Pocketbooks," and "Nursing, Today and Tomorrow."

Today no other form of education is so rapidly changing as nursing education. There is questioning, not only as to its content, but as to where it should be taught: in a hospital school of nursing or in a university or college school of nursing. These questions challenge the thinking of our most intelligent citizens and every year sees a larger number of such persons giving serious thought to nursing education. I believe the time is not far distant when it will be considered just as much of a community service, and just as much of an honor, for a woman to be appointed to the Advisory Committee to the Training School for Nurses as it now is for a man to be appointed to the Board of Trustees of a hospital.

The year just closed has brought little change in the curriculum. This is in part due to the fact that we are waiting for the report of the Central Curriculum Committee. However, there has been a never ceasing effort to increase the amount of teaching which is done on the wards. It has been necessary, because of change in the requirements of the State Board of Nurse Examiners, to teach chemistry to every student. Formerly we taught chemistry to only those students who had not had it before entrance. And if the number of *mechanical adjuncts* to medical science continues to increase at the present rate, it is apparent that a course in *physics* for all nurses will be needed. During the year one of the assistant instructors has qualified as Red Cross Instructor in First Aid. This means that our student nurses who are taught by this instructor are eligible to receive a Red Cross *First Aid Certificate*.

Any school of nursing that wishes to be rated as a *good* school of nursing must possess a well prepared staff. Never has this school had a better one. Six of the number have Bachelor of Science degrees, and including one instructor who has been appointed although not arrived, four of the number have Master's degrees.

Members of all graduating classes are admonished to continue their formal education. We have a justifiable pride in the number of our graduates who have continued their education even in these days of economic stress. We in the Training School Office do not begin to know of *all* who are continuing their education, but we do know of alumnae to the number of *forty* who *this last year* have been students in one or another of the colleges in this vicinity. Postgraduate preparation is one reason why our graduates have had their full share of the available positions which are once again appearing. These positions have included the usual ones in the administrative and teaching group; a few, for one reason or another, are particularly interesting. Among these particularly interesting positions that our graduates have filled *this last year* are Director of the Nursery Training School at Bellevue Hospital; Director of the Bureau of Nursing Service, Washington, D. C.; Director of Russell Sage College School of Nursing, Troy, New York; Instructor of Nursing Education in the Department of Biological Sciences, Chicago University; Assistant Professor of Nursing, Hampton Institute; Assistant in the Chemistry Department at Teachers College, Columbia, and an assistant to Miss Potts, who is, so far as we know, the first nurse to qualify as a psychometrist. This last is a new field for nurses. The worker is qualified to give the various psychometric, vocational, and psychological tests that are now being so widely used in the educational field. Our one and only alumna, who has obtained a Doctorate, has just been appointed Assistant Professor of Public Health Nursing at the Yale School of Nursing. Miss Beebe's work has to do with the relationship of the nurse to the home and to the community and emphasizes her function as a *teacher*.

No alumna has made a more *valuable* contribution to nursing this year than Margaret Reilly has made through the book "Diagnosis and Treatments of Skin Diseases" of which Dr. Swartz and she are co-authors. This text is not only of immeasurable value as an aid to physicians, nurses, and medical students, but is very helpful to that large group of *lay* persons who must often do their own treatments or do them for members of their families. Skin diseases generally need long and frequent treatment and that situation is rare indeed in which doctor or nurse gives all the care. Miss Reilly has made her directions relative to the *simpler* treatments so lucid and explicit, and has explained their purposes so clearly, that it is possible for any intelligent lay person to give them effectively.

As you of the returning alumnae approached the hospital tonight you saw no evidences of new buildings or of alterations in the *old* ones. There has been no *building program* this year but there have been minor alterations here and there; some of them both interesting and significant. Will Rogers once said "New York will be a nice place if they ever get it done." A similar remark with a similar implication might well be made of the Massachusetts General Hospital. May I ask you of the alumnae to follow me, in imagination, through the hospital as I name some of these minor changes. Starting at the Front Door you will be immediately aware that the post office and accompanying grill are gone. The post office is now opposite the x-ray. Coming on into the Rotunda you will see that the middle of one of the training school offices has been divided to make two. Travel up to the top floor of the surgical Bulfinch and there is a new suite of doctors' offices; and then come down under Ward A and you will find another doctor's office. Up in Ward 26 a room has been set aside for a conference room and down in Ward E, wonder of wonders, five scrub sinks have appeared in five rooms. Most surprising of all you will find a closed in corridor leading from Ward E to the Baker Memorial that would do credit to Atlantic City's best hotel. Now go around to Ward I and there you will be pleased to see it now equipped with modern hospital beds which are adapted to the use of orthopedic patients. These are a gift from a friend of the hospital. There are no longer any nurses housed in the Phillips House or in the Baker Memorial. The tenth and last floor of the Baker Memorial has been opened to patients. Before you stop for rest we will take the elevator to the roof of the Walcott House to look at the platform which has been built to extend the outdoor use of that roof. Then go on to Charles Street and express your gratitude for the relief of the housing congestion that was there in your day. We shall not ask you to continue farther, and certainly we shall not ask you to visit *all* the hospital buildings where nurses have lived this last year for there are *ten* of them and you would become exhausted. I think you will be interested and amazed to know that today one hundred and forty-six graduate nurses on the regular staff of this hospital are living *outside* of the hospital buildings; living in nearby rooms and apartments. Is it any wonder that all who are connected with this hospital, from the President of the Board of Trustees down to the last preliminary student admitted, say that, today, the greatest need of the Massachusetts General Hospital is a new and large nurses' residence?

Early in last year we were forced to realize our worst fears concerning Dr. Bigelow. He was our Director for less than ten months. Many have said that if he had never come to us, perhaps he would have been spared for a longer life of usefulness. If that were true, of course we wish he had never come. But who can say! He *did*

come and we shall always cherish a precious memory of the man; of his scintillating personality, his sparkling wit, his brilliant mind, his keen understanding, his unfailing courtesy, his great earnestness, and over and above all—his loveliness. What a place he made for himself in our institution and in our hearts. If only in some way he could have known the feeling we had for him!

The hospital was forced to seek a new Director and they brought Dr. Faxon back to us. There is no doubt of the warmth of his welcome.

The year has brought several changes in the staff of the Training School, but I shall speak of but one: the retirement of Miss McCrae following a leave of absence, and the appointment of Miss Martha Ruth Smith to the place made vacant by Miss McCrae. For many years Miss McCrae's success as a teacher of the principles and practices of nursing has been widely known. Probably no other person has done more to hold the place which this school has maintained during the last decades than Miss McCrae. It was therefore a matter of prime importance that Miss McCrae's successor be an especially well qualified person. Such a person was found in Martha Ruth Smith, a graduate of the Peter Bent Brigham School, who had previously been on our staff for a period of five years as director of theoretical instruction and instructor of sciences. During these intervening years Miss Smith was a student in the Department of Nursing Education, Teachers College, Columbia University, from which institution she received the degree of Master of Arts. For several years she was an instructor there and taught several different courses. Her particular piece of research was a comparative study of nursing techniques with a view to setting up a method for determining validity and reliability of nursing procedures. Just before returning to us, Miss Smith supplemented her undergraduate course in nursing by postgraduate courses in mental nursing and in public health nursing. From the standpoint of academic preparation, valuable experience, and familiarity with our situation, she is probably the best prepared person who could be found to succeed Miss McCrae. We are therefore assured that nursing will continue to be well taught in this school.

Miss McCrae first graduated from the McLean Hospital Training School for Nurses and then from the Massachusetts General Hospital Training School for Nurses. Her first position was that of assistant superintendent at the Quincy Hospital, a position that she held for nearly seven years. In 1902 Miss McCrae returned to this institution to fill the position of part-time instructor and assistant to the superintendent of nurses. Ten years later she was made full time instructor in nursing techniques and held that position until her retirement. Thus Miss McCrae has been on the staff of this school for thirty-three consecutive years. During this period she has taught one

thousand, nine hundred and fifty-three graduates, seventy-six percent of the entire graduate body. It is doubtful whether any other nurse in the world can parallel that record. In 1934, as was mentioned in the report of last year, Miss McCrae was awarded the Saunders Medal for "distinguished service in nursing." That service was "distinguished" not mainly because of its great length, but, for what is of greater importance, for its high quality. To repeat what has been so well said previously,—“That teaching was characterized by a concrete knowledge, a fine craftsmanship, and a dramatic power that gave *life* to the subject and *zeal* to the student.” Miss McCrae did not cling to the *old* ideas or methods but was ever SEEKING, LEARNING, AND USING the *new* that she might prepare her students to meet the changing situations. Her teaching was done with a never flagging enthusiasm that imbued her students with a respect for nursing; and that respect for nursing is one of their most precious possessions. How she had the moral and physical strength to set continuously, class after class and year after year, the example of her *own best* is beyond comprehension. In that old class room at the Thayer she started the students off on their nursing career with a momentum that the majority of them have never lost. Miss McCrae's pupils, working throughout the length and breadth of the land, have never failed to acknowledge the immeasurable professional and personal debt they owe her. They all know that the only coin in which she desires or accepts payment of this debt of honor is that coin of a high standard for their own professional and personal life. Because of Miss McCrae's example as a nurse, a teacher, and a woman, hundreds of our graduates have earnestly endeavored to pay her that "debt of honor."

This class of 1936 is the last class to which Miss McCrae taught the principles and practices of nursing. They, too, acknowledge their "debt of honor." Inspired and impelled by Miss McCrae's example of her own never ending struggle to reach her own best, may they, too, from one source or another, possess the power to follow that example.

Notice

Acquaint the "Quarterly Record" with information of articles written for publication by the Alumnae of our school. Remember your Alma Mater will be interested in receiving such news.

Nursing Becomes a Profession

CECIL K. DRINKER, M.D.

*Address to the Graduating Class, Massachusetts General Hospital,
February 7, 1936*

Not so very long ago, 1893 in fact, Florence Nightingale said, "Nursing should not be a profession. It should be a calling." Now a calling implies a divine summons as I interpret Miss Nightingale's use of the word. St. Catherine of Siena believed herself called to nurse the sick and Miss Nightingale's own early history makes it clear that some wholly dominant impulse drove her steadily toward nursing. She too had a "calling" and had ample chance to learn what a reliance such a motive could be in carrying her through unspeakable discouragement and hardship. In contrast to a "calling" a "profession" is something entered by choice and learned through a definite discipline which has slowly become more or less standardized. When you become a professional you profess or even vow certain things. From that time you lose a certain fraction of your individuality and become part of a group. When you graduate here tonight this very thing happens to you. As members of the nursing profession, and I shall try to tell you why I think of it as a profession, you cannot do well just for yourselves as individuals, for nursing in the large sense will share the credit of each fine accomplishment. And if you do ill, nursing and not you alone must bear the blame.

What is this profession in which you have thus lost a share of your identity? How did it become what it is today? And what may we expect for tomorrow?

Florence Nightingale started the first training school for nurses, as we now understand such schools, at St. Thomas's Hospital in London in 1860. At that time nurses were servants. Hear the comments of physicians who were asked their opinion of organizing nurses training through such a school. One said, "Nurses are in much the same position as house maids and need little teaching beyond poultice-making and the enforcement of cleanliness and attention to patients' wants." Another, "A nurse is a confidential servant, but still only a servant. She should be middle-aged when she begins nursing, and if somewhat tamed by marriage and the troubles of a family, so much the better."

Similar opinions were no doubt discoverable when the training school of this hospital opened in 1873. At that time there were many nurses working in hospitals and in private work. Frequently they were highly efficient but of necessity they varied greatly in this since they came from no systematic discipline. At their best they were artists, not professionals. Now there can be no doubt that nurses must

always differ in proficiency depending upon individual ability or artistry, but as medicine has grown in effectiveness it has become necessary to place these differences in individual ability upon a basis of solid training, and this is what has happened in the development of all the professions.

It would be tiresome if I attempted to trace for you the changes that have taken place in the methods of educating nurses even in this Training School. I do, however, want to point out one or two things which seem to me to have been influential in bringing about the present development and which are certain to influence the future.

First of all, progress in nursing is inseparably bound to general progress in medicine. Since 1890 there have been enormous advances in medicine and these have had their best expression in our large teaching hospitals—institutions such as this, which have the duty of teaching both doctors and nurses. The complicated developments of medical treatment would be hopelessly difficult lacking professionally trained nurses. It is often thought that students on the wards and nurses in training represent an inefficient method of hospital work. In the larger sense this is quite untrue. There is no assurance for the maintenance of high professional standards which equals a teaching obligation. Men and women who can be trusted to pass on the best of a profession, in which they have become distinguished, are sure to be conscientious and brilliant performers and a hospital which educates both doctors and nurses is correspondingly certain of possessing a staff of high and uniform capability. Yours is a teaching hospital. Its merits are judged locally, but through the fact that doctors and nurses leave the Massachusetts General to work not only in the Back Bay and South Boston but in all the corners of the earth, the work of this hospital is subjected to what amounts to a sort of international appraisal and this again affects the standards of performance of everyone in the institution.

The status of nursing has changed and is changing. As you enter it the old position of servant is gone and you have attained something which has quietly assumed the cool and detached dignity of a profession, something which operates upon a basis of specialized education and knowledge, something for which divine consecration is not necessary, but in its place you must put an urgent, ceaseless interest if you are to attain success. You have seen doctors who were not interested in medicine and sooner or later you have found they were poor doctors. Just so with you. If you are not interested in the profession of nursing, in helping to cure sick people and to prevent disease, you will be poor nurses.

And now for a little, let us see what you are to do with this education which you have gained through these years of hard work.

First of all, a number of you will marry and will forsake nursing

for a more complicated job. That is well enough, but it causes us to inquire as to the value of your education in this School in preparing you for the ordinary job of living and bringing up a family. I suppose that nursing education, like medical education, is intended to produce an individual highly qualified in certain professional duties. Such an attitude can, of course, govern medical education, but since some of you will forsake active careers in nursing your training must compare in usefulness to that obtained in other ways, and it is thus an obligation upon training schools to see that professional education is accompanied by a degree of general education. Toward this broader end you have been given certain lectures, certain apparently theoretical work, which you could not see applied directly to nursing but which, as time passes, you will realize was dedicated to the promotion of your intellectual growth, to making you better citizens when the days of your real responsibility arrives.

I wonder too whether other parts of your experience have not been well fitted to making you ready for your place in the community. You have lived under discipline and you know that in the world some one must give orders and some one must obey. You know the difference between competent and slipshod work. You have watched the behaviour of the human animal when subjected to the revealing influences of pain and fear. You have seen cowardice and superb courage. You have seen death and you have seen the slow return to health.

All these things have been parts of your daily life, but if you marry and leave nursing they are experiences you will again encounter. I wonder whether the way in which you have thus seen life may not serve you well for the future and whether the training you have received does not compare to your advantage with that obtained by your sisters who marry after an equivalent period of college work? Many would say that the necessities of professional training have narrowed your education unduly, and to a degree this must be admitted and perhaps corrected in the future. I believe that the next development of nursing education will go in that direction, comparing with a college course in the addition of more work of strictly cultural type. Of that I shall say more later.

Finally, those of you who leave nursing to marry will find that a profession is something that cannot be left behind. You will find yourselves concerned with various civic duties, particularly in connection with public health. Child health, public health nursing, mental hygiene, all the ramifications of medical science as applied to the community will be your concern and as persons qualified to a degree for these different sorts of service you should and will take your part in their direction.

So much then for those of you who leave the regular army of nursing.

Let us turn now to those who will practice this profession for which you have qualified yourselves. Different fields will absorb you. In the past private nursing has taken most graduate nurses. In a sense this is true today, but it is rapidly ceasing to be private nursing in the homes of patients. Serious illness in all classes will soon be practically exclusively a hospital problem. The reasons for this require no discussion. In the end they are the simple expression of the advancing knowledge of the public in regard to disease. The gradual concentration of nursing in hospitals, both in private and public wards, makes some of the personal problems encountered less difficult but, in the end, it imposes a higher standard of performance and requires better training. To the field of work offered by the wards and the hospital training school other opportunities of a special type have been added. Chief amongst these is Public Health Nursing. Some of you have already had the advantage of training in this branch of your profession and others will undoubtedly secure it after graduation. There can be no question but that this field will extend rapidly in the next ten years. All of us who are concerned with Public Health realize we possess no single instrument of more real value than a capable public health nurse. She is a center of information as to living conditions in her district. She is a gentle means of enforcing fundamental hygienic measures and, above all, she is the best of propagandists for Public Health.

Allied to this branch of nursing is the Industrial Nurse and the School Nurse. The important medical problems of industry are no longer matters of straightforward poisoning by substances such as lead, benzol, and arsenic. Lost time from illness (usually minor illness), lost time from minor accidents which through lack of attention become major casualties, lost time or more often bad work as a result of impossible conditions at home—these are some of the problems of the industrial nurse. It is of interest to know that the first industrial nurse in this country was employed by the Vermont Marble Company in 1895. In 1930 there were about 3,000 nurses in industry in this country, and the number is undoubtedly much larger today. Unfortunately there is as yet no organized plan of training for this field of work. Nurses going into it must learn by experience and they not infrequently fail. The industrial nurse, like the industrial physician, is in a difficult situation. She is between the employees and the employer. Oftentimes she works outside the plant as well as in and as time passes she knows as much of the mental attitude of the employees and the general morale of the establishment as anyone in it. It is her duty to use this information for the good of the whole organization, not for a single side of it. To do this requires tact, good judgment

and convincing honesty. It is an interesting, often an exciting field of work and I commend it to your attention.

The health of children both of preschool and school age is another branch of public health which moves forward rapidly and which will absorb many nurses during your working lives. More and more such nurses must be involved with problems of disease prevention. The education required for their work is first of all what you have received in the nursing school, then a course in public health nursing and, finally, additional experience in examining and managing children.

Finally, some of you will be attracted by the field of psychiatry. You know that no part of medicine has improved more than that devoted to the care of the insane. But this great advance has been in the care not the cure of these unfortunate people. You will see increasing efforts to learn how to prevent and to cure mental disease and just as certainly as this field of medicine advances so certainly will it require more and more specially qualified nurses.

There then, are some of the ways in which you will spend your lives. There are many others such as nutrition and dietetics, government service and so on, but to go over these would prevent me from speaking of the future of nursing education, a matter in which with you I am greatly interested.

Nursing has become a profession. We must all agree to this and a profession cannot be learned effectively through purely vocational training. That is to say, you cannot become good nurses through simple experience in the wards and in the operating room. Such experience might make your hands work well but it would neglect your heads, and a profession requires thinking, trained observation, and intelligent action.

Young men entering a school of medicine or law are at once immersed in a narrow round of medical or legal studies. But to a degree we safeguard them by requiring a college course for entrance. It is the hope that this preparation will broaden and mellow their mental outlook, will, perhaps, cause them not just to learn their professional subjects but to think about them. There is a further reason for this preparation which is inherent in the fact that all professional people are in some degree teachers. By this I do not mean professors in various schools, but I mean as doctors, lawyers and ministers in relation to the individuals with whom they deal, and teaching of any consequence requires a certain cultural background.

It seems to me that nursing schools, so ideally situated as is this one of yours, must progress to some sort of a college status. Your problems cannot be met by requiring college work prior to entrance. That is too expensive and also unduly time consuming. In my opinion what is needed is some sort of co-operative arrangement whereby nurses graduating from your school receive a college degree or its equivalent

as a result of four years' work. During the winter months there would be a division of time between practical and class work. The summers, with the exception of a vacation period, would be entirely upon the practical side. In addition to the chemistry, physiology and anatomy which now are given I should like to see courses in such subjects as economics, sociology, English composition and possibly government. I should hope that in the final year time would be available for specialization in subjects like public health nursing and the other special fields I have enumerated.

It seems to me that only through some such means as this can nursing meet the responsibilities with which the profession is confronted. The training will be long but lacking the prerequisite of a college degree, it will be but half the period devoted to law or medicine. To fuse college and professional education in this way will not be found to be in accord with the ideas of most college educators and it certainly cannot be done without the longer session I have proposed—forty-four working months against the thirty-two usual for a college degree.

So much then for the ideas of an outsider as to what is to happen to your profession.

And now for yourselves let me point out that your education has just begun though you have largely finished being taught. All of us here tonight join in wishing you success, but success in a profession means reading, listening, observing, thinking, working. These are things that go on in spite of you if you are interested in your job. We are nearer to the point then if instead of wishing you good luck and success we wish you may be blessed with a sustained interest in the profession of nursing.

TRINITY CHURCH

In the City of Boston

The Fourth Sunday after Epiphany

ORGAN RECITAL, FEBRUARY 2, 1936, SEVEN P.M.

Second Symphony

Vierne

Allegro

Scherzo

Cantabile

Final

BACCALAUREATE SERVICE

MASSACHUSETTS GENERAL HOSPITAL SCHOOL OF NURSING

SEVEN-THIRTY P.M.

PROCESSIONAL: Hymn 482—Fling out the banner

Calkin

HYMN 493—O Master, let me walk with Thee

Smith

NUNC DIMITTIS in F

Snore

ANTHEM

Rheinberger

All they of Saba shall come, incense and gold gladly offering, and loud
the praise of God the Lord proclaiming, Rise then, and gird thee with light,
O Jerusalem for the glory of God the Lord shall arise upon thee. Allelujah!
All they of Saba shall come to worship Christ the Lord.

M. G. H. SCHOOL HYMN

Her ivied columns rise to meet the
glory of the Bulfinch dome,
Serene, unruffled, beautiful,
She waits to bid us welcome home.
From many lands, o'er many days
We brought to her our restless
youth,

And she with patience took us all
And set us in the way of truth.

Stern Teacher, kindly too, withal,
Who saw the faults we could not
hide.

And building on our better selves,
She wrought results that shall abide.

What if she gave us arduous toil,
She taught us reverence for our
work,
To ease the suffering, lighten pain,
There is no task we dare to shirk.

Where life and death are side by
side,
And creeds and races strangely
blend,
To share these things from day to
day
She helped us each to find a friend.

Oh, Gracious Guardian of our past,
Thy children rise to honor thee.
God bless and keep you, M. G. H.,
Secure through all the years to be.

RECESSIONAL: Hymn 85—The Son of God

Whitney

POSTLUDE: Choral

Jongen

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SENIOR NEWS

Baccalaureate Service

On Sunday, February 2nd, the Senior Class sponsored the first Baccalaureate Service of the Massachusetts General Hospital Training School for Nurses, at Trinity Church in Copley Square. All those who attended this dignified and impressive Service are hoping that it will become an established part of Senior Week.

The Address was by the Rev. Allen Clark of All Saint's Church in Brookline. Members of the Trinity Church Choir sang the School Song with the Graduating Class.

Senior Ball

On the evening of February 5th, the Senior Class held their annual Senior Ball at Longwood Towers in Brookline. Patrons were, Miss Betty Dumaine, Miss Annabelle McCrae, Miss Rita Corbett, Miss Marion Stevens, Miss Sally Johnson, Miss Ruth Sleeper and Miss Olive Roberts.

Year Book

For the first time since 1928, the Senior Class this year published a small Year Book. Though the book was on a much smaller scale than the 1928 edition, it afforded great amusement to the members of the class. The clever title it bears is, "Checks" and is dedicated to "our Miss McCrae". The book contains pictures of the graduating class and individual pictures of some of the staff, the Class Will, Class Prophecy and Who's Who.

New Class

The February class of forty-two students, entered the school on Tuesday, February 4th. On that afternoon, the Ladies of the Training School Committee gave a very enjoyable Tea in Walcott House Living Room for the new students and their parents.

The "Big Sisters" of the new class gave the annual "Prob Party" on Friday, February 14th. After the very clever entertainment, there was dancing, singing and refreshments to complete a most enjoyable evening.

Basketball

Our team has played two games with McLean Hospital this season. M. G. H. won the first game, 12-10, but was defeated in the second, the score being 13-12. We now have to play the tie-off on a neutral floor. Our star players are: Pearl White, Nellie Cunningham, Bertha Sneek, Rita Gibbons, Helene Cousins, Barbara Jipson, Ruth Rich, and Miriam Hanaburgh.

The Class of 1938 is busy raising money for the June Ball. The class is divided in five groups, each group trying to out-do the other in raising money.

There have been two very successful sandwich sales, a cheese pop-corn sale, one dance and another being planned for February 20th.

Our Exchange List

The Johns Hopkins Nurses' Alumnae Magazine.

Mount Sinai Alumnae News.

The Alumnae Journal—Peter Bent Brigham Hospital.

St. Luke's Alumnae Bulletin.

The A. N. A. Bulletin.

The Quarterly Magazine of the Alumnae Association, Presbyterian Hospital School of Nursing, New York.

The Newton Nurses' Alumnae Bulletin.

The Bulletin of the Alumnae Association of the Philadelphia General Hospital Training School for Nurses.

THE ALUMNAE

Report of Alumnae Meetings

JANUARY 28, 1936

The Annual Alumnae Meeting was held in the Walcott House Classroom, Tuesday evening, January 28th, with forty-eight members present. Miss Williams conducted the meeting.

Annual reports were read by the Secretary and Treasurer and by the Chairman of various committees. Twelve Committees were represented and we are again made conscious of the scope and activity of our Alumnae Association.

Only one Officer was elected:—Miss Inez Annear to succeed Miss Linda Burgess as Recording Secretary.

Thirty-five graduates were accepted as members of the Association:

Active

Thelma Cogswell	1926	Eleanor Fiske	1935
Josephine A. Connelly	1929	Barbara L. Foss	1935
Grace L. Gurney	1933	Esther M. Merrill	1935
Jane E. Hinckley	1932	Jeanne Moody	1933
Mary K. O'Brien	1933	Ruth E. Moran	1934
Marjorie Roberts	1933	Eleanor M. Murch	1934
Evelyn B. Rolfe	1935	Edith Roberts	1935
Dora B. Sylvester	1935	Elsie M. Saari	1933
Mrs. Mildred A. Beaucaire	1933	Helen H. Salmi	1935
Mary Joan Johnson	1927	Mary S. Sawyer	1933
Tyney I. Kangas	1932	Barbara N. Swett	1935
Mary E. Brebbia	1935	Ruth L. Whittier	1934
Jessie E. Brooks	1933	Dorothy T. Williams	1934
Esther J. Curley	1933	Lorraine M. Anderson	1932
Eva Danilievit	1935	Gertrude T. Christie	1933
Muriel M. Dow	1930	Grace E. Gardner	1932
Helen E. McGilvery	1933		

Non-Resident

Mrs. Cecile Lachevre Blake 1929

Associate

Mrs. Louise Lomas Babin 1933

Miss Helene Lee and Miss Margaret Dieter were the speakers of the evening. Miss Lee talked of her work as Executive Secretary of the Massachusetts State Nurses' Association. Miss Dieter gave a brief history of the Central Directory for Nurses which has just celebrated its twenty-fifth anniversary of service.

HILDA G. BLAISDELL, 1920.

FEBRUARY 25, 1936

The February meeting was held in the Rotunda of the Moseley Memorial Building with members of the Graduating Class of 1936 as guests. The President, Miss Barbara Williams, presided.

Reports of the Treasurer and Secretary were read and routine business transacted.

Miss Campbell reported a generous gift to the Sick Nurses' Relief Fund from the estate of Miss Jane Riley.

Miss Johnson told of attending the twentieth anniversary dinner of the Class of 1915. The Class donated to the School a gift for the Museum Cabinet. She encouraged other Classes to have such reunions.

A most interesting talk and movies on the work done in Labrador and Newfoundland, by the Grenfell Mission was given by Dr. Robert Goodwin who spent two winters and three summers in the work there.

An informal reception was given to the Class of 1936 in the Walcott House Living Room where Dr. Goodwin answered many questions and told of many more of his interesting and varied experiences.

MARGARET MURRAY, 1927.

The Treasurer's Report for the year ending December 31, 1935

Our bank balance in the Trust Company on January 1st, 1936 was \$623.00. Our Savings Bank Accounts including the "Emergency & Loan" Fund and Co-operative Bank show our holdings to be \$3,592.00 in addition to seventy Serial Shares in the Boston Co-operative Bank upon which we are paying the regular monthly dues.

We received \$3,223.00 from membership dues, \$1,155.00 of which was paid to the district treasurer to cover the membership of our active members in the State Nurses' Association. The printing of the Quarterly has cost us \$880.00. Aside from the usual expenses of other printing, postage, stationery and clerical assistance, we have

had the expense of outside speakers for meetings, delegates to the convention of the New England Division of the A.N.A. and annual contributions to the Isabel Hampton Robb Scholarship Fund, the McIsaac Loan Fund, the M. G. H. Scholarship and Loan Fund, the National League of Nursing Education, the Recreation Fund of the Training School, and the Nurses' Vacation House. The total disbursements for the year 1935 were \$3,892.00. All of these items were provided for in the budget drawn up by our Finance Committee the first of the year.

**Massachusetts General Hospital Nurses'
Alumnae Association
Budget — 1936**

Estimated Income

Balance on hand, State Trust Co., Jan. 1, 1936	\$ 623.72	
Estimated Income:		
Dues	\$3,500.00	
Advertising	35.00	
Interest on Co-operative Bank Acct.	70.00	3,605.00
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		\$4,228.72

Estimated Expenditures

Dues, District No. 5	\$1,375.00	
Quarterly Record	950.00	
Postage and Stationery	175.00	
Other Printing	75.00	
Clerical Assistance for Treasurer	400.00	
Clerical Assistance for Quarterly Record	25.00	
Auditor	25.00	
Delegate to Convention	300.00	
Boston Co-operative Bank	120.00	\$3,445.00

MONTHLY MEETINGS:

Entertainers at Monthly Meetings	\$ 100.00	
Refreshments at Monthly Meetings	75.00	
Maids at Monthly Meetings	20.00	195.00

GIFTS:

Isabel Hampton Robb Fund	\$ 50.00
M.G.H. Scholarship and Loan Fund	50.00
Social Service Fund	100.00
Recreation Fund T.S.O.	100.00
Nurses' Vacation House	50.00

McIsaac Loan Fund	25.00	
National League of Nursing Education	50.00	
Florence Nightingale International Foundation	100.00	525.00
Miscellaneous		63.20
		<hr/> \$4,228.72

Finance Committee—Meeting held March 17, 1936:

ALVIRA B. STEVENS, *Chairman*,
CARRIE M. HALL,
ANNIE CARSTENSEN,
BARBARA WILLIAMS.

Alumnae Dinner in New York City

On Monday evening, February 17th, twenty-nine alumnae had dinner together in one of the dining rooms of the Union Theological Seminary. Dr. Hume, husband of Laura Caswell Hume (1904), is a member of the faculty of the Seminary, and it was the invitation of Mrs. Hume that brought the group to that delightful meeting place. After dinner the guests adjourned to the Hume's spacious apartment for a very pleasant two hours.

Miss Johnson was in New York for a committee meeting, which fact influenced the date of the dinner. As the graduation report was only ten days old, she read that report to the group. There was lively talk concerning the past, present, and future of the school.

Twelve of those who attended were from Teachers College, three were from Mineola, three came over from New Jersey, one down from Yonkers, another in from White Plains, and the remaining were from New York City or nearby suburbs.

Miss Johnson was a guest at Mt. Sinai Hospital where Claire Favreau is happy in her work as assistant superintendent of nurses.

Other alumnae groups will find a real satisfaction in such gatherings.

Re-union of Class of 1915

The Class of 1915 celebrated its twentieth anniversary with a dinner at the Hotel Touraine on the evening of February 24, 1936.

Miss Parsons and Miss Johnson were our guests. Great disappointment was expressed by all for Miss McCrae's unavoidable absence. Thirteen members of the Class were present and renewed old friendships, each one giving a short resumé of her work since graduating. Twelve members not able to be present sent contributions and personal messages.

A gift of Thirty-five Dollars was given to Miss Johnson to use for the Training School.

Those attending were:—Carrie Banta Kinley, Lucy K. Corthell, Myrtle Danico Niccolls, Aethel Dodge Barton, Elizabeth MacLeod Henderson, Frances Morton Everberg, Margaret Scarry, Margaret Dieter, Ethel Dudley Bauerlein, Lois Whitteker Warren and Dorothy Tarbox.

Those sending messages and contributions were:—Olive Leussler Walsh, Ruth Robinson Nivison, Anna Bentley, Mildred Banta, Dorothea McInnis Edward, Eliza Dowse Spooner, Carlotta Macauley, Laura Currier, Eileen Curley Robinson, Victoria Mayer, Alice Buchanan, Ellen Selby, Mildred Hubbard Snow, Elizabeth Hansen and Virginia Kennen Warrick.

The Mail Pouch

ANNABELLA McCRAE

From Josephine F. Drew (1889), 4655 Santa Monica Ave., Ocean Beach, San Diego, Cal. — "Saw William Gillette, hope that you heard from him. One would never dream that he was eighty years old. He is a cousin of Lucy Thomas Drake (1902), and she is one of my regular correspondents. She has made a recovery following a very severe illness. Her present address is St. Petersburg, Fla."

From Miss Mary L. Cole (1893), Women's City Club of San Francisco, 465 Post St., San Francisco—"Resigned my position at the University of California as Director of the Nurses' Dormitory and now am hoping (a desire felt for years) to visit my dear friends, Miss Dart, the M.G.H. and others. Of course I expect you are all coming to the Biennial Convention in Los Angeles in June where I may see some old friends?"

From Miss Mary L. McKenna (1896), 610 South Kenmore Ave., Los Angeles, Cal.—"I have a lovely bedroom with eleven windows, the sun shines in the minute it rises. One can hardly accept the news of the snowstorms in the East when surrounded with the beautiful roses in full bloom all about us." (Miss McKenna is visiting Miss Agnes S. Garvey, Class 1901.)

From Miss Elizabeth O. R. Browne (1919), Eastaways, Dartmouth, Nova Scotia.—“My work is growing and is more and more interesting. We still conduct crippled children’s clinics all over the province, besides the Health work that I love. The Department of Education carried an article this month which they asked me to write. I like doing that, too. It all helps the work along. Last spring I received the King’s Jubilee Medal.”

From Helen Ross Lade (1918), Tokyo, Japan (St. Luke’s Hospital).—“Just imagine celebrating Thanksgiving, your birthday, Christmas, and New Years as a patient in the Hospital! I only hope that I will not be here for St. Valentine’s Day and Easter. I am up and about a little more each day. Have received marvelous nursing care, everyone has been so good to me. Am having my first real rest for fourteen years, and revelling in every minute of it, and not a care in the world. This state of mind does well enough for a short time.”

From Mrs. Harold J. Nelson nee Margaret McNeely (1928), 1474 Alger Road, Lakewood, Ohio.—“I have a few occasions where I may practice my profession. My neighbor was on the verge of an attack of pneumonia. I took care of her until they got a nurse but the worst was over. Our famous mustard pastes were part of the treatment.”

The following interesting letter is from Mrs. Paul Jones, nee Edna Harrison (1910)—

“I have just returned from a short trip to Honolulu and want to tell you about the M.G.H. gathering we had over there.

“Miss Albertine Sinclair (1919), who has been in Honolulu for twelve years as Supt. of Nurses at the Leahi Home (T.B.), gave a tea and called the M.G.H.ers together so I might see them all. She lives in a delightful little bungalow on the hospital grounds.

“You will be surprised, as I was, to hear of all who are there. The latest addition to the group is Alida Winkelman (1915), who arrived there in August, 1935 to be executive secretary of the Children’s Service Association. This is a combination of the S.P.C.C., the Child Welfare and The Children’s Placement Bureau I believe.

“Helen Jordan (1916), who has been there eight years and is now X-Ray technician at The Queen’s Hospital.

“Mary Williams (1917), who is Assistant Director of the Territorial Bureau of Public Health and has been in Honolulu off and on over a ten-year period.

“Hilda George (1917), who by the way seems very well, and is doing Public Health work with the Palama Settlement.

"Hope Romani (1916), who has been there four years directing the health of 2,500 pupils in the Washington Intermediate School.

"Marion Nelson Warren (1919), who went to Honolulu with Dr. Hatt and the group to organize the Shriner's Hospital, thirteen years ago. She is now married to a business man and has an attractive daughter 4 years old.

"Charlotte Wellcome McBride (1918), who is the proud mother of two small boys but just as full of pep as ever.

"Miss Sinclair tried to find Olive Sill Hinman (1906), who has been doing private duty there but had no luck.

"They all looked so young and happy that I felt very aged among them but was much thrilled to see them all and hear about all they are doing. Miss George was busy planning the program for the next meeting of the Territorial Nurses' Association.

"Everyone sent greetings to the M.G.H. family."

Publications

Reilly, Margaret G. (1916). "Psoriasis and Acne Vulgaris"—The American Journal of Nursing, January, 1936.

"Clinic Training for Nurses in the Field of Social Hygiene"—The Bulletin of the Massachusetts Society for Social Hygiene, January, 1936.

Yens, Dorothea Sewell (1925). "The Project Method"—The American Journal of Nursing, February, 1936.

Chayer, Mary Ella (1910). "School Nursing" — American Journal of Nursing, March, 1936.

Miss Elizabeth E. Sullivan (1913), Advisor to the Nursing Schools in Massachusetts, gave an address at the New England Hospital Convention. She emphasized the necessity of more careful selection of students—stressing the cultural background.

Alumnae Meetings

March 31, Tuesday—Dr. Edward Churchill on "Chest Surgery."

April 28, Tuesday—Miss Gertrude Ehrhardt, Soloist; Mrs. Phyllis Rivard Gall—Readings.

May—Massachusetts General Hospital Night at the Pops, Boston Symphony Hall. A fine opportunity for classes to get together.

News

Anna McCarten (1933) has been appointed Assistant to fill the vacancy left by Mary Alice Bailey in the operating room at the General. Chloe Wilcox (1935) is orthopedic scrub nurse replacing Ruth Elliot Smyth (1932) who resigned January 1, 1936. Alice Gustafson (1933) is an assistant night supervisor at the General, filling the vacancy made by Miss McCarten's changing.

Alice White (1930) began as head nurse at the Morristown Memorial Hospital, Morristown, New Jersey, January 1, 1936.

Arline Allen (1936) is now head nurse on Ward 27.

Mary Norton Frank (1929) resigned as operating room supervisor at the Baker January 1, 1936. Mary Carr (1930) succeeded her.

Frances Ellinwood (1930) resigned from the Baker February 8, 1936, to do industrial work in a radio factory in Cambridge.

Lois Gannon (1933) resigned from the Baker Memorial as a floor duty nurse and is now doing private duty nursing.

Dorothy McGlynn (1932) resigned from the Baker Memorial as a floor duty nurse and is now doing private duty nursing.

Margaret Thorpe (1935) also resigned. She is now vacationing and her future plans are indefinite.

Nancy White (1931) is doing floor duty at the Baker Memorial.

Inez Annear (1931) administered Baker I for a while after Miss Ellinwood's resignation, but is now head nursing on third floor Phillips House for an indefinite period. Sophia Slovak (1931) is succeeding Miss Annear on Baker I temporarily.

Marie Scherer and Ruth Nichols, members of the Class of 1936, are doing floor duty at the Baker. Gertrude Dolan, Dorothy Emery, Leonille Dufault, and Edith Oakes are floor duty nurses at the General. Anna Sargent is a scrub nurse at the Phillips House and Lilian Stelfox is doing floor duty there.

Sara McCullough (1935) has transferred from Baker floor duty to the operating room to fill the vacancy made by Mrs. Frank's resignation and Miss Carr's advance.

On the first of February an assistant head nurse was added to the staff of Ward C-D. Thelma Ingles (1936) now holds that position.

On Wednesday afternoon, February 5th, Martha Ruth Smith gave a very pretty tea in her apartment at the Thayer to welcome Anne Taylor (1928) back to the General. Miss Taylor is now supervisor of the medical wards at the General.

Sympathy is extended to Mae E. Coloton (1919) in the death of both her parents.

Jeannette Wood (1929) has completed a postgraduate course in obstetrics at the New York Hospital and is now an assistant head nurse in that department.

Bessie Flint (1930) has resigned from the Wesson Maternity Hospital in Springfield and is doing floor duty at the Phillips House.

Mary Grammont (1934) replaced Laura McIlvana (1930) as head nurse on Ward G.

At the last alumnae meeting the following were voted in as chairmen of the several standing committees: Marion Stevens (1923), Program; Linda Burgess (1930), Hospitality; Harriet McCollum (1919), Nominating; Alvira Stevens (1909), Finance; Blanche Haley (1930), Revisions; Katherine Peirce (1921), Loan Fund. Other chairmen will be announced later. Lyli Eklund (1931) has been elected to the Quarterly Record Committee to take the place of Helen Daly (1922) whose term of office has expired.

Grace Sherman (1934) is assistant head nurse on Baker IV, replacing the former Miss Ruth Brask.

The Quarterly wishes to acknowledge the St. Luke's of New York Alumnae Bulletin.

Mrs. Harry C. Dary (Eva B. Clements, M.G.H., 1912), is now residing at 1200 Massachusetts Avenue, Cambridge.

Helen I. Stockton (1911), Director of Staff Education in the Department of Health, Birmingham, Alabama, was a recent visitor at the Massachusetts General Hospital. Miss Stockton has a year's leave of absence and is studying at Teacher's College for her Master's Degree.

Ruth Hopper (M.G.H., 1924), who is Director of the School of Nursing at Hampton Institute, Hampton, Virginia, recently met Ann Gardiner (1914) and Bessie H. Jones (1921) at the South Atlantic Regional Conference held on January 23rd in Durham, North Carolina. Miss Gardiner is "Educational Director" in the Nursing School of the Duke University and Miss Jones is Superintendent of Nurses at the Watts Hospital, Durham, North Carolina.

Isabella M. Lumsden (1892) is spending a few weeks at Daytona Beach, Florida. She is staying at the Seaside Inn because Miss Sena Whipple (1893) has no room for her at the Vermont Inn.

Miss Esther Dart (1891) is also at Daytona Beach, Vermont Inn.

Harriet L. P. Friend (1904), Temple University, Philadelphia, has been elected President of District Number One, Pennsylvania Nurses' Association.

Kathleen Atto (1922), McLean Hospital, Waverley, has been elected as First Vice-President, District Number Five, Massachusetts State Nurses' Association, and Margaret Dieter (1916), Sarah Hayford (1913), and Ruth Sleeper (1922) have been appointed Directors.

In a letter to Miss Parsons, Mrs. Culver Barker (Mary May Pickering, 1916), says: "I keep very busy helping Dr. Barker as secretary and in reading; I do all my own housework and am secretary-treasurer of the Analytical Psychology Club here; and just now am deep in the job of editing for private publication a series of lectures which Dr. Yung gave here in October."

The present address of Dr. and Mrs. Culver Barker is 1 Brunswick Square, London W.C. 1.

Barbara Williams (1920) has been chosen the delegate from the Alumnae to the Biennial Convention in California, June 21-26.

The Old Time M. G. H.

In the Modern Hospital for February we find this literary snapshot of the chief surgeon of 1875:

"Dr. John Brooks Wheeler remarks in his recent book, 'Memoirs of a Small-Town Surgeon,' that one of the practices of interns of his day at the Massachusetts General Hospital was to carry ligatures in their buttonhole to be ready for an emergency. The chief surgeon in 1875 wore an old blue long tailed broadcloth coat when operating. Doctor Wheeler remembers this surgeon announcing to a class, 'We do not wear gowns here. It is not necessary to look like a butcher to be a surgeon.' Then the phenol spray was a favorite antiseptic because germs were thought to be wholly airborne. What virtue do the rainbow hues of antiseptics of today possess? There surely can be no mistake as to the area of skin painted when they are employed. Many still believe the adage, *Similia similibus curantur*, (like is cured

by like). A red flannel shirt or a cranberry poultice to many surely prevents the red erysipelas. The practices of yesterday are no more bizarre than some of those of today."

Engagement

Ruth Moran (1934) to Mr. Clifton H. Thomas of Bedford, Massachusetts.

Marriages

Edith Holway (1931) to Warren Poland, M.D., February 29, 1936, in Boston.

Ada F. Adams (1903) to Mr. Herbert D. Spencer on December 21, 1935, at Unionville, Connecticut. Mr. and Mrs. Spencer are now at home on Lovely Street, Unionville, Connecticut.

Hannah Jackson Meredith (1929) to Mr. Solon Toothacker Kimball on December 24, 1935, at Cambridge, Massachusetts. Mr. and Mrs. Kimball are now at home at 349 Harvard Street, Cambridge.

Ruth Brask (1930) to Mr. Gunnar Stuart Benson on December 4, 1935. Mr. and Mrs. Benson are now at home in Attleboro.

Laura McIlvana (1930) to Mr. Charles Brown on February 15, 1935, at London, New Hampshire.

Births

Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Cobb, nee Carolyn Coggeshall (1932), are receiving congratulations on the birth of a baby girl, January 2, 1936, at the Baker Memorial. Weight 7 lbs., 1 oz.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Ladner, nee Francis Robbins (1916), are receiving congratulations on the birth of a baby girl at the Baker Memorial February 3, 1936. Weight, 7 lbs., 9 oz.

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In Memoriam

Mrs. Herbert A. Perkins
(Jessie C. McDonald, 1887)
Died November 4, 1935
Stamford Hospital
San Francisco, California

Ella M. Allen, 1887
Died December 22, 1935
Valparaiso, Florida

Mrs. John Jacob Mudgett
(Margaret Dill, 1930)
Died March 10, 1936
Newburyport Hospital, Mass.

The sincere sympathy of the Massachusetts General Hospital Nurses' Alumnae Association is extended to the families and friends of our departed members.

Miss Ella M. Allen is Claimed by Death

Miss Ella M. Allen, a former student and resident of Oberlin, died on December 22 in Valparaiso, Florida. With the class of 1893, she was a student here for three years. Previously she had graduated from the *Massachusetts General Hospital* and later did some nursing in Denver and Colorado Springs.

In 1897 Miss Allen returned to Oberlin as matron of Baldwin Cottage for three years. After teaching in the Liggett School in Detroit, she became interested in Social Service and moved to Chicago where she was a resident of the Chicago Commons for many years, and graduated from the Chicago School of Civics and Philanthropy. In 1914 she established the social service work of the Lying-In Hospital. This branch of the hospital service was later named in her honor. She had lived in Florida since she retired in 1926.

Miss Allen was an aunt of Mrs. J. H. Nichols, and during recent years has spent much time in Dr. and Mrs. Nichols' home, Oberlin, Ohio.

A Tribute from the Class of 1930 to Their Classmate

Margaret Dill

A NEVER-TO-BE-FORGOTTEN FRIEND

Let us pause—and think a bit
Before our memories fade;
Along these halls, she tread with us
A charming little maid,
That little girl who worked with us,
Who laughed with us, and played,
Is still in our hearts, as you may grace
By our final serenade.
Though one dear link of the chain be broken,
The strength of the chain holds fast to the end.
We'll leave a few words—friendship's token,
In undying memory to a departed friend!

E. L., 1934.

On November 9, 1935 Margaret Dill became the wife of John Jacob Mudgett. Her untimely death was due to an automobile accident.

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Fairview, a vacation and week-end house for nurses, situated at Rowley, Mass., and steadily growing in popularity, is open throughout the year. Board and lodging, \$1.50 per day for student nurses; \$2.00 per day for graduate nurses; and \$2.50 per day for any friend a nurse may be allowed to take there. Stay is limited to two weeks. Each guest is expected to take care of her room. For reservations write to the Hostess, Miss Christina Wieck, or telephone Rowley 24-2.

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The Endowment Fund

The difficulties encountered in collecting money for worthy causes at any time are great even in a quiet way.

The Alumnae has never lost sight of its goal even though it has deferred active work for a few years. It is always well to have something to work for, therefore now that times have improved and nursing faces many changes it seems a good plan to resume work on the Endowment Fund. I believe there is no other single thing in the whole field of education that so much needs to be done. The Endowment Fund committee and the Alumnae it represents must look for help in the future more and more to the young graduates. They must take their "try at the wheel" and help along this cherished plan of an adequate endowment for the school.

The Alumnae Meeting

The Program Committee with Miss Marion Stevens, chairman, functioned throughout the year as an important contributor to the monthly meetings.

The outstanding entertainment being the Christmas Party and M. G. H. Night at Pops.

Alumnae membership has so increased in the past year that about one hundred extra Quarterlies are being mailed.

Is the Alumnae of the School Progressive?

One measure of the alertness of an Alumnae group is the degree to which they are found to be taking advantage of opportunities for post-graduate studies. What can be said of our Alumnae? Many are taking post-graduate courses, many have received degrees since graduation and a large percentage have attended one or more courses at colleges during summer sessions.

The Revival of the Endowment Fund

Now that the depression shows some signs of retreating, the new Endowment Fund Committee of the Alumnae is at work with fresh vigor. This committee is composed of Mae Kells Gallison, Jean Macpherson Morse, Edna Harrison Jones, Mira Crowell Garland, Edith Parker Ross, Marion Stevens, Anna M. Taylor, Sally Johnson, ex officio, Barbara Williams, ex officio, Lillian Dobie Balboni, chairman. Those of the Alumnae who know these young women, know that they are efficient leaders and will plan a successful program. They are asking you to help them to reach their goal. The time is at hand for us as an Alumnae Association to consider once more participating actively in increasing our Training School Endowment Fund.

Every alumnae wishes to see her school, educationally, one of the finest in this country. We who are near to the pulse of the school realize its needs most vividly. The hospital has carried us far beyond our anticipations but independent resources are absolutely necessary to meet our educational needs. Schools of Nursing associated with colleges and universities thrive because of the help that comes from endowment and taxation. The Grading Committee states that the education of the nurse is the function of the School of

Nursing rather than that of the hospital. Yet every alumnae has been impressed with the truly educational character of the hospital in which our school is located.

The school wishes not only to continue with high standards, but also to lead the schools of this country by placing itself on the very highest educational level. As the hospital has assumed increasing responsibility for the nursing service by the addition of graduate floor duty nurses in the General Hospital as well as in Phillips House and Baker Memorial, the Alumnae Association should assume more responsibility for the educational program of the school. Funds are needed.

While we are fortunate in having far more than the usual equipment that is required for a good school of nursing, outstanding shortages are noted. Do you realize that your school is without a full time librarian, adequate reading rooms that are quiet and light, and that we are in need of a large medical dictionary, the Encyclopedia Brittanica, and library furniture? The hospital possesses a projector but we are in need of a fund for the renting of films. Here we are in the vicinity of the Community Health Association but only 10 per cent of our student nurses make home visits with a Public Health nurse. Have you, as a graduate, not felt the need of this experience?

The equipment list of the classrooms and laboratories shows definite needs. Nursing is a practical science. Our activities must begin in a technical laboratory and gradually progress to the bedside. We must afford somehow science laboratories, structurally equal to college laboratories. Hence the need is evident for more laboratory space and modern up-to-date equipment. If those alumnae members who voted to purchase the screen and projectoscope for the school could realize the far reaching values of their help to the student group, a challenge would be at hand for furthering their good work.

Provision for adequate remuneration for doctors and other people who have given freely of their time without pay is most necessary. As yet we have no fund from which to draw for these teachers or for special lecturers. We pay only part of the lecturing staff a minimum fee. Our students need to know more of the graduate fields of nursing. They need and would welcome instruction relative to voice and diction, reading aloud, social usage and current events.

To enrich our teaching of bedside nursing, additional ward instructors are necessary. The administrative functions of a busy head nurse make it almost impossible for her to use the manifold opportunities which daily present themselves.

Endowment funds have been found to be the answer to such needs. When Miss Parsons, with such clear vision, suggested the Endowment Fund in 1914, our Alumnae Association initiated activi-

ties which brought by 1923, the fiftieth anniversary of the school, over \$11,000.00. Today by the gifts of friends and through efforts of the Alumnae Association, the total is \$67,000.00.

Our aim today is to fulfill the Deed of Gift of the Endowment Fund Committee which was the sum of \$500,000.00 and press on toward a \$1,000,000.00 endowment. Our need is an urgent one. Let us as an Association lift the fund to the \$100,000.00 mark within the next few years by the raising of \$33,000.00. This can be accomplished through individual pledges, by the gifts of friends whom we may interest in our school and by the activities of the Alumnae. M. G. H. Clubs may arrange benefits in centers throughout the United States. It is our hope that in the fall members of the Alumnae Association all over the world will participate with us in a parcel post package sale. Watch your Quarterly for further notices.

The Endowment Fund Committee, here at home, with the Alumnae Association is planning a series of social activities to occur monthly. The first of these was the Old Fashioned Strawberry Festival on the Bulfinch Lawn on the afternoon of June the tenth. This yielded us \$161.52. We solicit your most earnest support and shall publish in each Quarterly the progress of the Endowment Fund. Surely every alumna will participate in enlarging the facilities of her own school. As the school aided you in your growth, so we ask you to aid the school in its growth. As your school progresses, so the value of your diploma increases.

A. T.

Report of the School of Nursing

McLEAN HOSPITAL

KATHLEEN H. ATTO, *Principal*

Since the early days of this school, there has been a question in the minds of some nursing educators, particularly those in the general field, as to the advisability of maintaining a school of nursing in a mental hospital. There is no question as to the need of graduate nurses in psychiatric hospitals who have developed certain qualities of patience, tactfulness, and understanding and who have grasped the fundamental principles of psychiatric nursing. General hospitals have not the conditions for developing such requisites nor is it to be hoped that nurses who spend a short time in affiliation or postgraduate work will acquire these attributes to the same degree as do our student nurses.

It is perhaps true that mental hospitals do not provide all the opportunities for bedside nursing found in the general hospital, but

hospital bedside work is again only a part of nursing. Practically speaking, all procedures required in medical and surgical nursing are dealt with, although less frequently, in the mental hospital. Is the amount of repetition of these procedures given in the general hospital necessary in order to acquire nursing techniques? After three years at McLean, I believe the twelve to fourteen months experience in the general hospital, with the experience available here, does equip the psychiatric nurse so that he or she is as well prepared for *nursing* as the general hospital nurse.

Criticisms are made perhaps because students entering the general hospital for affiliation from the psychiatric hospital are not as well prepared to meet at once the situations which confront them. The aim of all nursing is the welfare and the comfort of the patient—mental as well as physical comfort. Have we not sometimes emphasized the importance of physical discomforts and overlooked the mental discomforts? What we need are nurses who are sensitive to both the mental as well as the physical needs of the patient. I recall in my early student days Miss McCrae's impatience at our inability to foresee the patients' wants. If we failed to make the patient comfortable, she would say, "Have you no imagination?" Realizing now what her early training had been here at McLean, I can understand better how she acquired that ability and what it was she earnestly struggled by precept and example to develop in her students—that something without which a nurse is *not a nurse*.

A psychiatric nurse of long experience who, after a term of service in a general hospital, was asked what she thought was the difference between the two kinds of nursing answered, "In a general hospital the patient must please the nurse; with the mentally ill the nurse must please the patient." I would not put it quite so strongly, but is there not some truth in the statement and does it not express the difference in attitude in the two types of nursing?

A large percentage (95%) of our graduates remain in the psychiatric field. There are at the present time eleven graduates of this school in one New York hospital alone, several of them holding executive positions. Requests are frequently received from other institutions for the same type of work. While we are always glad to have these opportunities for our graduates, it is sometimes difficult to meet requests and at the same time retain those we need for our own busy institution. It is interesting to note that we have recently had requests for men graduates from general hospitals that have not had men graduates previously.

The School of Nursing Committee have met faithfully during the year and have also been helpful in their suggestions for the improvement of the school. On their recommendation, a contact was

made with the Vocational Guidance Department of Boston High Schools. It was most gratifying to have a visit from ten members of this department all of whom seemed interested and impressed with the educational and cultural advantages of the course offered. We hope that these efforts will be rewarded by a larger number of applicants from this locality which will allow for a personal interview with each individual and assure us of students with a sound educational preparation.

Our *greatest* task is to change the popular misapprehensions in regard to mental illness and the dangers attending the preparation for such work. We believe that if the advantages of psychiatric training and the demand for nurses so prepared were known, we would not want for applicants.

Further changes in affiliations have been made this past year in an effort to give our students the best available in those services which must be secured in other institutions. All students affiliate at the Massachusetts General Hospital, the men for twelve months and the women for eight months. Beginning with the group now at the Massachusetts General Hospital, all women students will spend three months in pediatric nursing at the Boston Children's Hospital and three months in obstetrical nursing at the Boston Lying-In. With these affiliations in institutions of the first rank and the course in psychiatric nursing at McLean, our graduates' should be equipped to compete successfully with graduates from any school in any part of the country.

In the annual report of the McLean Asylum Training School for Nurses for the year 1889, written by Dr. Edward Cowles, this paragraph is found: "A word should be said of the established success of the female nurses in the men's wards. The women are resident in five of the ten wards devoted to men with precisely the same freedom and propriety as they would be in the wards of the general hospital. No more than in such a hospital is there ever a thought of care about the presence of these women in our wards for men. It has become a commonplace matter in that regard, but the usefulness of it and its refining influence are invaluable." Somewhere between 1889 and 1935 this system was changed, and men patients were cared for entirely by men nurses. Realizing that our women graduates are often called upon to care for psychiatric men patients, since October our senior and postgraduate students have been assigned for two months to this service. Due to the cooperation and assistance of the staff of the Men's Department, this has proved a valuable experience for the students, and the patients' reaction to it has been splendid.

Not since 1917 have we graduated as large a class as we are honoring this evening. Not only are you large in numbers but also in potentialities for worthwhile service to the world. In your work, in your play, we have endeavored to develop in you those fundamental traits of character which this exacting work demands. It is because you have shown these traits that you are here tonight, and we are justly proud of your accomplishment.

Again in closing, may I quote from Dr. Cowles' report who, with far-reaching vision, said, "When the science of psychiatry is brought into its intimate and proper relations with other branches of medicine, there will be nothing alien to the closest affiliation of this work with that of other physicians and nurses, but there will be mutual helpfulness in all particulars. Anything that now promotes this helps to hasten the day when mental disorders will be better understood and treated."

May you accept this challenge made by Dr. Cowles, the founder of your school, and by your earnest efforts help to hasten that day "when mental disorders will be better understood and treated."

Of Interest to the Alumnae

Graduates of the school who are interested in additional general and professional education may matriculate for the Bachelor of Science degree at Simmons College, Boston, or at Teachers College, Columbia University, New York City.

Simmons College will allow a maximum of 24 year hours credit. This is usually equivalent to one and one half years of study in the four year college course. Teachers College, Columbia University, will grant advance standing of one year or more of college credit for the three year undergraduate nursing course.

Graduates who have previously received a Bachelor's degree from a recognized college will be admitted to Teachers' College, Columbia University, as candidates for the Master's degree.

Nurses applying for college entrance with advance standing will be expected to meet the entrance requirements of the college, to be registered and to be recommended by the principal of the school as being able and prepared to carry college work.

Parcel Post Package Sale

The Endowment Fund Committee is planning a Parcel Post Package Sale for November. It is our hope that each alumna will

send to the school, by November the first, a gift, the value of which would make it suitable for sale at the price of fifty cents. The plan is to sell these packages to the Alumnae members at one of their meetings or on some other occasion.

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This is my philosophy in action: Every time you've a task before you examine it carefully; take exact measure of what is expected of you. Then make your plan, and in order to execute it properly, create for yourself a method. Never improvise. The fundamental qualities for good execution of a plan are, first, intelligence; then discernment and judgment; then singleness of purpose; and lastly, what is more essential than all, namely a stubborn will.

Our Vacation

AFTERNOON ON A HILL

I will be the gladdest thing, under the sun!
I will touch a hundred flowers and not pick one,
I will look at cliffs and clouds
With quiet eyes,
Watch the wind blow down the grass,
And the grass rise
And when lights begin to show up from the town,
I will mark which must be mine,
And then start down.

EDNA ST. VINCENT MILLAY.

NEWS

Miss Amy Washburn Engaged to Mr. Stewart Hamilton, Jr.

Of interest to society is the announcement made today by Dr. and Mrs. Frederic A. Washburn of Bay State Road and "Dangerfield," Truro, of the engagement of their daughter, Miss Amy Washburn, to Mr. Stewart Hamilton, Jr., son of Dr. and Mrs. Stewart Hamilton of Detroit.

Miss Washburn was graduated from the Emma Willard School in Troy, N. Y., with the class of 1932 and is at present doing volunteer work in the Occupational Therapy department of the Massachusetts General Hospital. Through her mother, who is the former Amy Silsbee Appleton, she is a granddaughter of General Francis Henry Appleton of Marlboro Street, and the late Mrs. Appleton (Fanny Rollins Tappan). She is a niece of Mr. Francis Henry Appleton, Jr., of Dudley Street, Brookline, who married the former Nathalie Gourlie; Mr. Henry S. Appleton of Marlborough Street, and of Mrs. Tarrant P. King (Marian Appleton) of Adams Street, Milton.

Miss Nathalie Appleton is a cousin of Miss Washburn. The latter is also a cousin of Mrs. King Brigham (Dorothy King) of Churchill lane, Milton; Mr. William T. King and of Mr. Putnam King, fiance of Miss Una Cleveland Rogers of Concord, N. H. Her father, Dr. Washburn, was for many years director of the Massachusetts General Hospital. In 1919 the Order of St. Michael and St. George was conferred upon him by His Majesty, Edward VIII, then Prince of Wales, for distinguished services as chief surgeon at Base Hospital No. 5 during the world war.

Mr. Hamilton was graduated from Phillips Exeter Academy and from Williams College with the class of 1934. He is at present a student at the Harvard Medical School. His father, Dr. Hamilton, is director of the Harper Hospital in Detroit.—*Copied from the Boston Herald May 25th, 1936.*

News from Honolulu

Miss Albertine Sinclair, '19, writes that "The Territorial Nurses Association of Hawaii is sending delegates to the Biennial Convention and that Miss Sinclair has commissioned Miss Dewar to make contact with Miss Barbara Williams and our delegates.

Hilda M. George, '17, is Associate Editor of "The Inter-Island Nurses Bulletin."

While doubtless there will be very few familiar faces among those who will attend the convention yet no one who wears the M. G. H. pin will be exactly strangers to our delegates.

In Memoriam

Mary C. Packard, 1886

June 12, 1936

Baltimore, Maryland

Elizabeth M. Booker, 1895

February, 1936

Massachusetts General Hospital

Boston, Massachusetts

Cynthia Randall Grant, 1897

April 16, 1936

Brookline, Massachusetts

Jennie McIntosh, 1902

April 19, 1936

St. Petersburg, Florida

"To live in hearts we leave behind is not to die."

Clara Dutton Noyes

Director Nursing Service, American Red Cross

As swiftly and as silently as a breath of wind death came to Miss Noyes on June 3, 1936, while she was driving to her office accompanied by her niece, Miss Lucy Noyes.

Her passing is a great loss to the Nursing Field.

To her family, to the Alumnae of the Johns Hopkins Hospital and to the Red Cross Nursing service we may say she was worthy of our love and admiration.

“While the sun was high and shining clear,
The soul we leaned upon for help and cheer
Passed on along a glory lighted way.”

Sympathy

Charles Philips Hinman (husband of Olive May Sill, 1906) died suddenly February 13, 1934, in Honolulu, T. H.

Sympathy is extended to Mrs. George W. Pollard (Jessie L. Brown, 1903), in the passing of her husband which occurred at the home, "The Great Road," Bedford, Massachusetts, April 3, 1936.

Sympathy is extended to Miss Sarah F. Martin, 1886, upon the death of Mary Cary Packard, 1886, who had lived with her in Baltimore since 1889 and was her life-long friend.

Request for the Quarterly Record

From the Alumnae Association of the School for Nurses of the Toronto General Hospital came a request to exchange our publication with theirs. We congratulate this Alumnae on the issue of April 1934 Volume. The publication is called "The Quarterly." We are very happy to reciprocate.

The Toronto General Hospital Alumnae Association presented to the school a portrait of Miss Jean Dunn, Principal of the School, painted by Sir Wyly Grier. The painting hangs in the reception room directly opposite to Miss Snively's portrait.

At the same time a scholarship named for Miss Dunn, which entitles an alumna to a year's post-graduate study at a university was announced.

Our Exchange List

The Johns Hopkins Nurses' Alumnae Magazine.

Mount Sinai Alumnae News.

The Alumnae Journal—Peter Bent Brigham Hospital.

St. Luke's Alumnae Bulletin.

The A N. A. Bulletin.

The Quarterly Magazine of the Alumnae Association, Presbyterian Hospital School of Nursing, New York.

The Newton Nurses' Alumnae Bulletin.

The Bulletin of the Alumnae Association of the Philadelphia General Hospital Training School for Nurses.

The Quarterly of the Alumnae Association of the Toronto General Hospital School for Nurses.

STUDENTS' PAGE

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SHIRLEY SCHULTZ

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June Formal

The June Formal Dance was given this year on the evening of June the fifth. It was a perfect night, very warm and a beautiful moon. Japanese lanterns strung around the Bulfinch lawn gave an added touch of festivity. The Rotunda was attractively decorated with peonies and palms.

Patrons for the dance included: Dr. and Mrs. Norman Baker, Dr. and Mrs. W. Franklin Wood, Dr. and Mrs. Morgan Rhees, Miss Annabella McCrae, and Miss Sally Johnson.

The dance committee headed by Katherine Barrett and Celia Pirttinen also included Grace Fisk, Lucile Howd, and Jane Dexter.

Pajama Party

On April 17, the February section of 1937 held a pajama party in the Walcott recreation room. It was the scene of much fun and

merry making with dancing to the radio, which was set up especially for the occasion. This was one of the means planned to raise funds for the class year book and senior dance.

Probe Picnic

Sunday afternoon, May 24, a bus load of students left Walcott House, bound for Devereaux Beach in Marblehead. On arriving at the beach every one started enthusiastically for the water, but it was much too cold for a long swim. After a dip and a sunbath we had supper on the rocks at the end of the beach where there was an excellent view of the surroundings.

Before we realized it, it was time to start for home and after finding our bus driver, who had wandered off, we left the beach and were home at 9:45 p.m.

We certainly had enjoyed ourselves and are now looking forward to another picnic soon.

Tennis Tournament

This spring there are fourteen students signed up for the Tennis Tournament. There is some very promising material among the first year students and we have eight contestants who played in the tournament last spring. It looks as though there would be some very good matches this year.

THE ALUMNAE

Report of Alumnae Meetings

March 31, 1936

The March meeting of the Alumnae Association was held in the Walcott House Classroom. Miss Williams presided.

Reports of the Secretary and Treasurer were read. A new item in the Treasurer's budget for the year is a gift of one hundred dollars to the Florence Nightingale International Foundation. Miss Carrie Hall described briefly the origin and purpose of the Foundation.

Miss Barbara Williams (1920) has been appointed by the Alumnae Association as delegate to the Biennial Convention in Los Angeles June 21-26.

After the business meeting, Dr. Edward D. Churchill gave an interesting and informative talk on "Chest Surgery."

April 28, 1936

Forty-two members were present at the April Alumnae meeting which was held in the Walcott House Classroom, with the president, Barbara Williams, conducting the meeting.

The reports of the Secretary and Treasurer were read and approved. The Treasurer stated in her report that the membership of the Alumnae Association has increased to 1036. Of this number 517 are active members.

It was voted to give the Executive Committee authority to act on applications for membership and to conduct necessary business during the summer months. Because of the Massachusetts General Hospital Alumnae Benefit Night at "Pops," May 28, the May Alumnae meeting will be omitted.

Miss Margaret Meehan who attended the dinner for Private Duty Nurses in Worcester, spoke briefly of the interesting and instructive program.

Miss Gertrude Ehrhardt, Artistic Director and member of the Boston Opera Company, sang two groups of very charming songs.

Mrs. Phyllis Rivard Gall gave a reading—the well loved Balcony Scene from Romeo and Juliet.

Program

Snow Fairies	<i>Forsyth</i>
Sylverlyn	
Cuckoo	<i>Shaw</i>
Louterbach	

Miss Ehrhardt

The Balcony Scene from Romeo and Juliet

Mrs. Phyllis Rivard Gall

Constancy	<i>Foote</i>
Good-Night	<i>Rubenstein</i>
At a Window	<i>Hammond</i>
The Nightingale Has a Lyre of Gold	<i>McKinley</i>

Refreshments were served

HILDA G. BLAISDELL, 1920.

Sick Relief Association of the Massachusetts General Hospital Nurses' Alumnae

The twenty-seventh annual meeting of the Sick Relief Association was held in the Walcott House Class Room Tuesday evening, May 12th, 1936.

There was a total attendance of twenty-three members.

The secretary reported that there were 156 members in good standing, five new members had been accepted during the year, one member had died, two members had resigned, and one member had been suspended for non-payment of dues.

The treasurer reported a balance of \$17,536.78 on hand. The

total membership fees paid for the year were \$750. Full and partial benefits paid during the year amounted to \$630. A gift of \$1,000 was received during the year from the estate of Jane F. Riley.

After the business meeting a social hour was held in the Recreation Room and refreshments were served.

GERTRUDE M. GATES.

Alumnae News!

Mrs. Canute B. Grainger (Lillian I. Lovely, 1910) and her two sons, Canute, Jr., and Douglas, from Troy, New York, were recent visitors in Cambridge, Massachusetts, and called on friends at the Hospital.

The many friends of Agnes G. Patten (1920) will be pleased to hear she is gaining at the "Channing Home" where she was admitted last March.

Marjorie Packard (1933) was given a "Miscellaneous Shower" at the Nurses' Home of the Massachusetts Eye and Ear Infirmary, on the evening of May 7th. Miss Packard's marriage to Mr. Joseph Murphy will take place on July 5th, at Westfield, Massachusetts.

Eileen Gilmartin (1929) sailed from Boston on March 14, 1936, on the S.S. St. Louis for a three weeks' vacation in Miami, Florida. At New York, Hazel Swan (1930) and her sister boarded the same steamer and were to motor through Georgia and Florida.

Hazel Halladay (1930) recently visited her parents at Fort Lauderdale, Florida, where they will spend the Winter.

Mary Springer (1926) who will graduate from Teachers' College, Columbia University, in June, has accepted the position of "Nursing Arts Instructor" at the Highland Hospital, Rochester, New York, beginning July 20, 1936.

Margaret A. Matheson (1912) Executive Secretary of the N. Y. Tuberculosis Association, Cardiac Division, was a recent visitor in Boston. Miss Matheson is planning to visit Europe this Summer.

Alice Breen (1930) Teaching Supervisor at the Syracuse Memorial Hospital, Syracuse, New York, was a recent visitor in Boston, being out on sick leave.

Veda E. Lohnes (1926) will substitute in the Admitting Office of the Massachusetts Eye and Ear Infirmary during vacations.

Lyli Eklund (1931), Hazel Halladay (1930), Carrie Chick (1932) and Margaret Murray (1927) will take the Summer Session at Teachers' College, Columbia University.

Margaret Delaney (1936) has accepted a permanent position at the Massachusetts Eye and Ear Infirmary.

Elizabeth I. Hansen (1915) has resigned as Superintendent of the Harrington Memorial Hospital in Southbridge, Massachusetts.

Many of the M. G. H. graduates who served overseas during the War, attended "Pops" on the evening of May 21st, sponsored by the Boston Unit of the Women's Overseas Service League.

Eileen Young is to be Superintendent of Nurses at St. Luke's Hospital, New Bedford.

Mrs. Richard Hawkes (Elise Drew) of Portland, Maine, was a recent visitor at the General.

Helen Clarke has accepted the position of Pediatric Night Supervisor at the Cornell Medical Center.

Cecilia Rupprecht is an anesthetist at Sagnaw General Hospital.

Christine Stone and Edna Emerson are working for the summer at Dorcus, Children's Orthopedic Convalescent Home in New London, Connecticut.

On May 1st, Elsie Krook joined the staff of the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company of New York.

Olive Alling is in charge of a ward in which research is being done on nursing techniques at Russell Sage College School of Nursing.

Mary Holmes is head nursing at King-Tulare County Sanitarium at Springville, California.

The Curriculum Committee of the National League of Nursing Education met in New York City, May 25th to 29th inclusive. Attending the meetings were Adelaide A. Mayo, 1917, who reported on the courses tried out this year at Russell Sage College School of Nursing; Madeleine M. Schroeder, 1919, who came as representative from the State of Rhode Island; Rachel Metcalfe McManus, 1920, now a full time member of the curriculum staff; and Ruth Sleeper, 1922, chairman of the production committee for the course on "Introduction to Medical Science."

After twenty years of service Margaret Gilson Reilly has resigned from the Skin Out-Patient Department to go to the newly created Ella Lyman Cabot Foundation. On April 16th, a tea was given for Miss Reilly at the Walcott House at which time she was presented with an etching of the Bulfinch.

Mildred Tripp has a community health position beginning in September.

Eleanor Fowle Clarke is in the Admitting Office of the Baker Memorial.

Gertrude Pollock has gone to Wrentham as School and Visiting Nurse.

Mary E. Shepard will be in charge of the School of Nursing at Faulkner beginning in September while Miss Warburton attends Teachers College.

Since April 1st, Jane Hinckley has been Assistant Night Supervisor at the General, filling the vacancy made by Sadie Convelski's resignation.

The following graduates are attending Teachers' College for the summer session: Sarah Toabe, Alice Gustafson, Edith Roberts, Helen Hewitt, Jacqueline Halliday, Carolyn Chick, Sarah McCullough, Alice Breen, Margaret Murray and Lyli Eklund.

Barbara Williams, Helen Lee, Kathleen Atto, Margaret Dieter, Elizabeth Sullivan and Rose Griffin are attending the Biennial.

Louise Mowbray is with the Frontier Nursing Service in Hyden, Leslie County, Kentucky.

Elizabeth Farrell is administrative assistant in the Truesdale Hospital, Fall River.

Lillian Norton is now senior anesthetist at the General.

Annie Carstensen has just returned from a ten day cruise to Bermuda and Nassau.

Miss Mekkelson of the Admitting Office at the General sailed on the Vollendam on May 23 for a six weeks' tour of France, Switzerland, Germany, Holland and England.

Mrs. Alice Cleland is Superintendent of the Memorial Hospital in Concord, New Hampshire.

Mildred Foster will be head nurse on Ward 31 beginning July 1. She is to succeed Helen Farrant.

Margaret Luddy Fessenden is established in the Out-Patient Department where she is working for the State Department in their program for the control of gonorrhea and syphilis.

Barbara Phillips is on the nursing staff of the New York Hospital's private pavilion.

Mrs. Edward F. Powers (Harriet Haworth, 1929) is living at 36 Wolcott St., West Medford, Mass.

An article "Some Neurosurgical Nursing Problems" written by Helen J. Burgess, 1928, Assistant to the Superintendent of Nurses at the Massachusetts General Hospital was published in The American Journal of Nursing, May, 1936.

Mrs. A. S. Myers (Adelaide A. Smith, 1891) is now living at Dodson Home, 551 South 35th Street, San Diego, California. Dodson Home is especially designed to provide a pleasant residence for elderly men and women. It is operated on a month-to-month plan and has accommodations for 50 members. Being a non-profit establishment, the rates are very reasonable—\$35 to \$50 a month for room and board. Mrs. Myers is quite contented and happy there.

The Birthday of Miss Alice Fisher Kept

On June fourteenth Old Blockley celebrated the birthday of the founder of the training school, Miss Alice Fisher. Miss Fisher was a graduate of St. Thomas Training School. She served as Assistant Superintendent to the Royal Infirmary Edinburgh during Sir Joseph Lister's wonderful experiment in antiseptics.

Marriages

Inga Ekman to Dr. Charles William Bush, Jr., on March 16, 1936, in Milton.

Jeannette Fisher to Mr. William Curtis on May 17, 1936, at Medford.

Zatae Ann Eastman to Mr. Harold M. Logan on February 22, 1936, at Plymouth, Indiana.

Velma May Trull to Mr. Richard Clemens Olofsson on March 21, 1936, at North Tewksbury.

Edith Whitehouse to Mr. Frederick B. Platt on April 15, 1936.

Mary Morris to Mr. John Bete on June 9, 1936.

Edith Holway to Dr. Warren Morrison Poland on February 29, 1936, at Greenville, New Hampshire.

Births

To Mr. and Mrs. Howard Crabtree (Marion Hopkins) a son, on April 29 at the Baker Memorial.

To Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Moody (Grace Ployart) a daughter, Frances Anne, on March 7, 1936.

To Dr. and Mrs. H. Eugene MacDonald, Jr. (Rosamond Edwards) a son, on May 16, 1936.

To Mr. and Mrs. Henry Frank (Mary Norton) a daughter, Allison, on May 30 at the Richardson House.

To Mr. and Mrs. Frank Toomey (Anne Lyons) a daughter, Joan Anne, on June 7 at Somerville Hospital.

To Mr. and Mrs. Bradford Brayton (Ruth Webb) a daughter, on March 1 at the Baker Memorial.

To Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Hamilton (Marie Smith) a son, on June 13 at the Baker Memorial.

To Mr. and Mrs. Edward F. Powers (Harriet K. Haworth) a son, on February 16, 1936, at the Richardson House. His name is William Haworth Powers.

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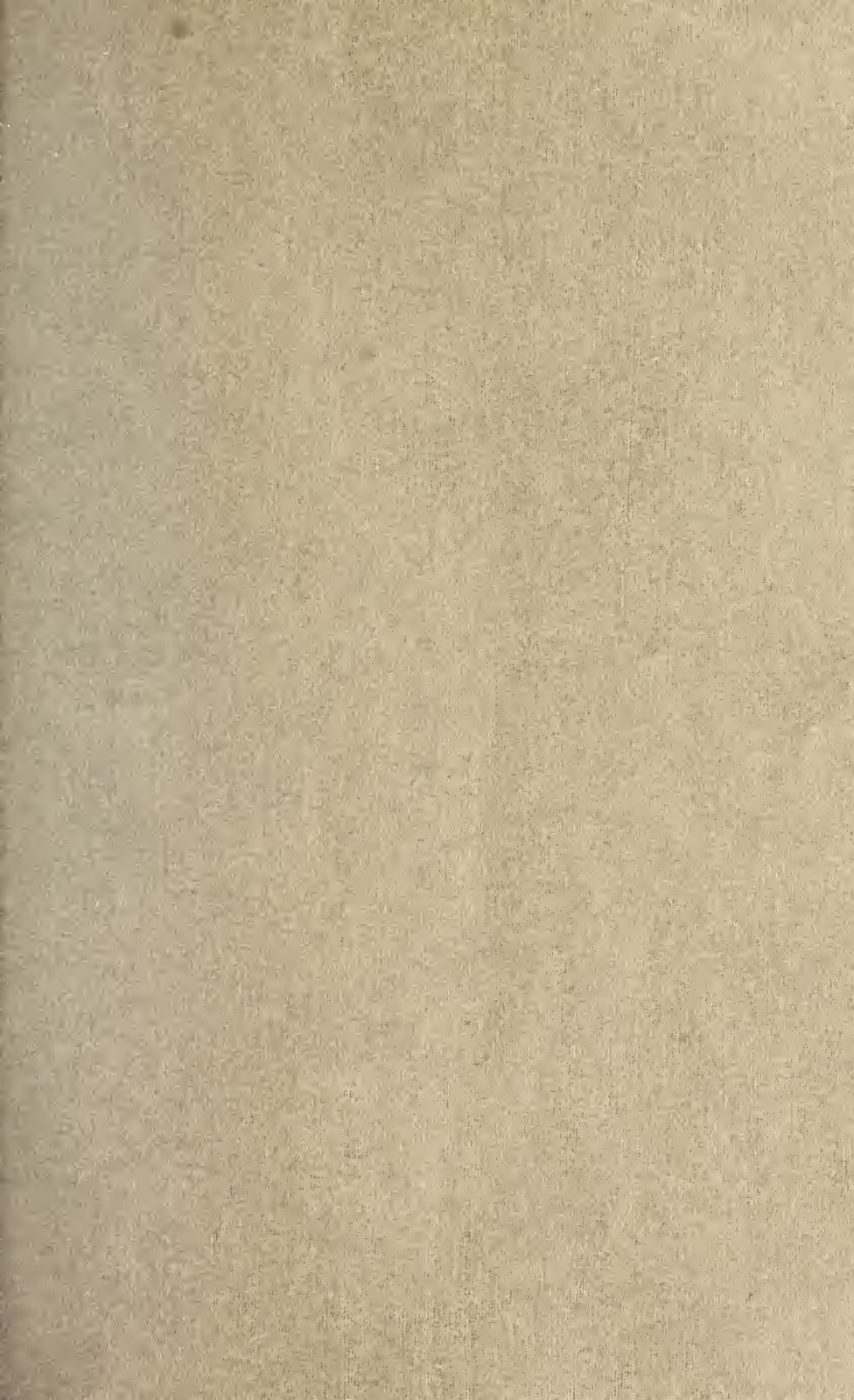
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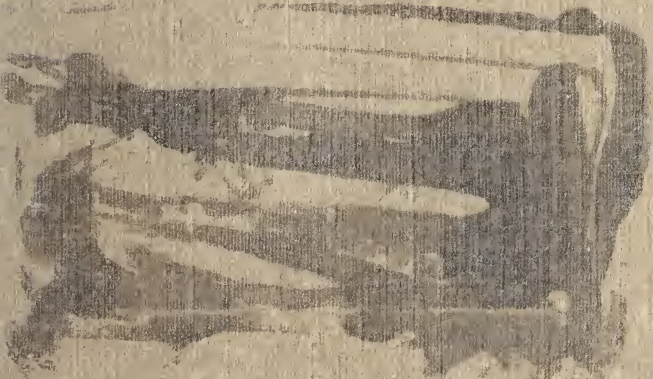


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MASSACHUSETTS GENERAL HOSPITAL
Nurses Alumnae Association

September, 1936
Boston, Mass.

Dear Friend:

Members of the Alumnae and friends of Miss Annabella McCrae have expressed a wish to honor her in some way. It would seem appropriate that the Alumnae take the initiative in this plan as Miss McCrae has been a guiding force in the lives of all of its members.

Already we have received the following suggestions:

- a. Portrait
- b. "Annabella McCrae Fund"—Income to be used for special equipment for the teaching of Practical Nursing.

On the form below please indicate your preference of the form which this honor should take by checking one of the two suggested, or by naming one of your own choice.

Sincerely yours,

RETA CORBETT

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To—

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- b. "Annabella McCrae Fund"
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Parcel Post Package Sale

The Endowment Fund Committee is planning a Parcel Post Package Sale for December. It is our hope that each alumna will send to the school, by November the 24th, a gift, the value of which would make it suitable for sale at the price of fifty cents or more. The plan is to sell these packages to the Alumnae members at one of their meetings or on some other occasion.

Address your package to:

Anna M. Taylor, Endowment Fund Committee,
Massachusetts General Hospital,
Boston, Massachusetts.

Read article in June issue of Quarterly Record—"The Revival of the Endowment Fund."

Progress of The Endowment Fund

By ANNA M. TAYLOR

The Parcel Post Package Sale is on its way. On the morning of August 8, 1936, great enthusiasm was evident in the Training School Office, with the arrival of the first package from Emiline Foerster Puddington of the class of 1931. The second package, arriving a week later represented the best wishes of Josephine F. Drew of the class of 1889 and Alice M. Boyson (Mrs. DeLancy Cleveland) class of 1889. From Tokio, Japan came the third package through the kindness of Helen R. Lade, class of 1918. Many more packages have been received but few in comparison to the number we had anticipated. Please mail us your package by November the twenty-fourth.

The increase of the Endowment Fund through individual gifts has been most gratifying. Hannah J. Brierly, member of the class of 1887, has contributed to the Fund. We appreciate this support most sincerely. Miss Margaret Stevenson, a member of the class of 1890, has promised a generous contribution toward the Encyclopedia Britannica for the Nurses Reference Library, providing the Alumnae Association will meet the remainder of the cost. Through such interest and such gifts we realize more and more how much the progress of this school means to each alumna member wherever she may be.

Excerpts from Letters Accompanying Parcel Post Packages.

"Of course there is nothing in the wide world in the *same class* with the dear old Mass. General and I do wish I could see it as it stands today I am now well toward the sunset of life—but the outlook is not that of darkness—which follows our earthly sunset, but like the morning sun which lights the mountain tops of a new day."

"It is a great happiness to know the school has a Glee Club. How I wish one had been in existence in my training days."

"I wish to tell you how happy I am to be able to assist you in your efforts. Somehow when an alumna leaves active nursing to become a wife and mother, there seems to be so little she can do for the school association, especially when distance makes it impossible to attend meetings. I hope you will invent many ways in which we members who are tied down by family cares may be able to do our bit."

French Bazaar—Tuesday, December 1, 1936

The Parcel Post Packages sent by members of the Alumnae Association are to be sold at a Bazaar, to be held the afternoon and evening of December the first in Walcott House. Most everything which you may desire for those special Christmas gifts will be there. —Fine handiwork, knitted things, novelties, silhouettes, and lovely Christmas cards, book marks and stationery showing favorite views around M. G. H.

Everyone—small and large—will want to come, to meet old friends, to enjoy the fun. There will be a fish pond for children of all ages, a little show, and dancing to an individualized orchestra. Supper will be served in the recreation room from five until seven o'clock, and as well light refreshments and home-made candy throughout the afternoon and evening.

Come—bring your family and friends. Help increase the Endowment Fund!

Miss Pohe Resigns

By SALLY M. JOHNSON

In September, 1929, Miss Pohe came to us to take the position of Supervisor of Instruction. The position, under different titles and with differing responsibilities, had been held by several able women. The list included, among others, Margaret Dieter, Amy Miller, Nellie Hawkinson, and Martha Ruth Smith.

Miss Pohe came to us directly from Teachers College where she had just received the Bachelor of Science degree. She had had no experience in a large school. Her only firsthand knowledge of this school had been gained during a brief personal interview. She had no conception of the magnitude of the job which she agreed to undertake. Miss Pohe has often said that had she known the magnitude of it, she would never have undertaken it. It is our good fortune that she did not know, for Miss Pohe proved a worthy successor of these other

women. There was never a time when she was not steadily improving the content and scope of the curriculum. She was not only a good class room teacher herself, but stimulated physicians, dietitians, social workers, and nurses to be ever watchful of their own courses.

Almost immediately following Miss Pohe's arrival she became an integral part of the entire institution. She worked as hard for its interests as she would have done had this been her own school. Her loyalty to this school and to the hospital was sometimes almost "fierce" though never blind. With relentless energy she kept pushing toward her high goal.

Miss Pohe's influence extended far beyond the confines of the class room for she helped the students to develop their own personal qualifications. Many a student learned to "face the facts" because of Miss Pohe's teaching and because of her example.

It hardly seems possible that during seven short years that Miss Pohe's students in this school can be counted by hundreds, but that is a fact. All of these students are grateful to her for what she has done for them and they wish her all the good things that she deserves.

You are asking why did Miss Pohe leave and where did she go. For the last two or three years she has been planning to return to Teachers College for a Master's degree. Whether this graduate work should be in teaching or administration was a question. In the late spring Miss Pohe's father was very ill in the Geisinger Memorial Hospital, Danville, Pennsylvania. While visiting him there she was quite unexpectedly invited to accept the position of superintendent of nurses in that hospital. Realizing that this would give her an opportunity to try administration and at the same time be near her father, who is now somewhat of an invalid, she accepted the position.

There is no coin in which an institution can pay for the kind of service which Miss Pohe gave here. We can strive to hold what she gave to us and to add to that gift.

To help us to do this, Miss Florence Kempf has been appointed to succeed Miss Pohe. She is a graduate of the Lakeside School of Nursing and received the Bachelor of Science degree from Ohio State University. In June of this year she received the Master of Arts degree from Teachers College, Columbia University. Miss Kempf has had experience on the staffs of the schools at the University of Michigan, Vanderbilt University, and Western Reserve University. Miss Kempf is already at work and we hope that she, too, will soon feel that she is one of us.

THE ALUMNAE

Massachusetts General Hospital Night at Pops

By MARION STEVENS

Chairman of the Program Committee

On the evening of May 28, 1936, more than one thousand M. G. H.'ers and friends gathered at Symphony Hall. It was M. G. H. Night at Pops. We reserved the entire floor and completely filled it. I doubt if a more enthusiastic group has ever attended one of these concerts. The program was especially pleasing and well received. I was glad to have the opportunity, at intermission, to meet Mr. Fiedler and to express to him our enjoyment and thanks.

For those who could not come, I have printed here the program so they can better picture our delightful evening.

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Thursday Evening, May 28, at 8:30

PROGRAMME

March, "El Capitan"	Sousa
Overture to "Poet and Peasant"	Suppé
March of the Little Lead Soldiers	Pierré
Second "L'Arlesienne" Suite	Bizet
Prelude—Minuet—Farandole	

Student Nurses Glee Club

Pilgrims' Chorus from Tannhäuser

Sparkling Sunlight

M. G. H. Song

"Rigoletto," FantasiaVerdi

Prelude to "The Deluge"Saint-Saëns

Solo Violin: JULIUS THEODOROWICZ

"Pathetic Symphony," Third MovementTchaikovsky

Allegro molto vivace

"Girls of Baden," WaltzesKomzak

"Night and Day"Porter

Festival MarchHerbert

The special feature was the Glee Club under the direction of Miss Dorothy Smith, a senior student, and with the assistance of Mrs. Robert Smith, nee Ruth Elliott, at the piano and of Mr. Snow of the Boston Symphony orchestra at the organ. The singing was excellent and the Glee Club proved itself an exceptionally well trained chorus. There was great applause and it was very well deserved. One of the best selections was perhaps the encore "Ma Curley Headed Babby." Everyone seems to enjoy the swing of this delightful melody." The final number was of course A Song for M. G. H. As we all stood to sing, many I know experienced a thrill at hearing our Alma Mater sung in Symphony Hall.

It was really a very lovely and effective sight to see this chorus of seventy student nurses assembled on the stage at Symphony Hall dressed in evening gowns of pastel shades, and then to look from there about the hall and see going among the tables a number of the graduate nurses in summery evening dresses selling "change day" flowers. It was indeed a very gay evening for M. G. H. and to everyone a gratifying success.

When all the expenditures were met, the remaining profit of \$347.43 was turned over to the Endowment Fund.

There were two class reunions before the concert—1920 had eighteen members there and 1928 had thirteen members present.

The Program Committee, and especially I, its chairman, wish to thank all those persons who helped in this huge undertaking. We wish to thank all who bought tickets with enthusiasm, those who sold tickets, Miss Betty Dumaine for her unflinching interest and for securing the assistance of the Junior League Volunteer Service and Miss

Anne Taylor for her original posters. We thank again the leader of the Glee Club, Miss Dorothy Smith; the pianist, Mrs. Robert Smith and the members of the Glee Club whose hard work we hope brought to them as great joy as it did to us. We wish also to tell those who donated their tickets to us because they could not come, that we greatly appreciated their interest.

While working on the plans for this evening's entertainment, several interesting things were brought to light which you too may like to know. For example, during all these years, we have never known who wrote the music for the M. G. H. song, but Miss Helene G. Lee, 1922, has kindly given us the information. It was arranged by Miss Julia P. Wilkinson, 1921, and Miss Lee herself. Then we realized that we had no M. G. H. banner, but now we have a large blue banner with gold letters which will be used at many gatherings and for this we are indebted to the Hospital.

It may be of interest too, that we sold nearly 1,000 tickets and that with the exception of a poster at Minechiello's, no advertising was done outside of the hospital.

As the proceeds of this Concert went to the Endowment Fund, it was fitting that Miss Laura Wilson was our guest of honor. You will remember that at the Fiftieth Anniversary of the Training School, in 1923, that she, as Chairman of the Endowment Fund Committee, gave the sum of \$11,268 into the custody of the Trustees.

We are working for a \$500,000. endowment. Next year for this cause I hope we shall have another M. G. H. Night at Pops and reserve the entire Symphony Hall. This would give room for an even larger number of M. G. H.'ers, but if you cannot come and so make this contribution to the cause, will you not remember that there are other ways of keeping the home fires burning. The committee will welcome any and all suggestions as to ways and means of furthering this work.

A Special Supper Meeting

An extra meeting of the Alumnae Association was held in the cafeteria at the General on September 29th, to hear the reports of the Biennial Convention. Supper was served between seven and eight, after which reports were read by Barbara Williams, delegate; Helene Lee, Kathleen Atto, and Elizabeth Sullivan. Officers and directors of the Alumnae Association sat at the head table with the speakers. About one hundred attended. The proceeds went to the Endowment Fund.

The Biennial Convention

Held at Los Angeles, June 21-28, 1936

By BARBARA WILLIAMS

Our 30th National Nursing Convention in Los Angeles might be characterized by the word magnitude; the city was vast, thousands of nurses made up the great audiences, even the program was limitless in its possibilities. But each smallest detail was carefully planned; we realized that we were going to the convention, from our earliest moments on the train, away back on the Atlantic seaboard. Here Miss Atto and I started our travels together and we did have ten very memorable days. Leaving Boston on a warm Wednesday noon, we appreciated at once the new air-conditioned cars which made travelling a greater pleasure than ever, as they were so cool and free from soot and cinders. In Chicago, we from New England made up one of the three sections of the special convention train, on the Santa Fé road. Each of us found on our seat, a little pamphlet which gave our train schedule and a brief description of the main places of interest on the route. We had a delightful trip; people were friendly, and the scenery beyond description: the flat plains of the midwest, the absolute desert lands of New Mexico with their changing browns and greys, scattered sheep on bare hillsides with the shepherd's wagon near by, the mountains and luxurious growths of trees and flowers in California, and palm trees lining its streets. On the way out, at La Junta, Colorado, there were a group of nurses at the station and they brought us bunches of delicate columbine, the State flower; they were in small containers which were placed on the tables in the diner.

There were three long stop-overs planned: the first at Santa Fé where we visited the oldest church in the United States, the chapel of San Miguel. At Albuquerque, N. M., we had just time to explore a Fred Harvey souvenir shop. While chatting there we recognized an M. G. H. graduate, Helen Fenton, who is doing public health work in that State. A day's schedule of a hundred and fifty miles is nothing unusual for her. She wanted to be remembered to the group at home.

We had a whole day at the Grand Canyon of Arizona; its vastness, changing colors and marvellous beauty leave one speechless. Just before we left, there was dancing outside the hotel by native Hopi Indians, in their feathers and decorations, to the rhythm of tomtoms and chantings.

We reached Riverside, California, on Sunday morning. The groups had an opportunity to drive up the steep slopes of Mt. Rubidoux, where was held the first Easter sunrise service, some years ago;

the service is still continued. Below spread the city of Riverside, perfectly flat and kept green by irrigation from the waters of the mountains to the East. This was typical of so many cities, their vegetation dependent on the precious water carried from miles away, for sage brush and roses would grow side by side, if one field were left untouched and the second were watered. Outside this city we saw, at close range, the orange groves, rows and rows of small trees, some few varieties with golden fruit on their branches. We had dinner at the unique and charming Mission Inn, at tables in the large open patio. This Inn is a veritable museum of art treasures, principally of Spanish origin, collected by Mr. Frank Miller, to preserve the culture of the early history of this part of our country.

Reaching Los Angeles late that Sunday afternoon, we took buses directly to the Hollywood Bowl, where was held the Florence Nightingale Memorial Service. The huge amphitheatre is set among low hills which have been left in their natural beauty. We faced the stage with the large shell behind it and looked to the hills beyond. The sun was sinking and lighted up the tall white flower spikes of the yucca plants, scattered on these slopes. On one side of the stage were the United States and British flags, on the opposite side those of the Red Cross and the State of California, symbolizing a harmony of many groups of peoples.

A Legion band opened the ceremonies and later a large group of Red Cross nurses in their red-caped uniforms, sang in chorus. Mrs. Chester Ashley, an enthusiastic lay woman, very graciously conducted the program. The main address was a beautiful tribute to Florence Nightingale by our beloved Miss Goodrich, whose voice carried to every person in the great audience. By a planned coincidence the play "The White Angel" which pictured Florence Nightingale's life, was to be first shown during the convention week. The producer, Mr. William Dieterle, was present at the Bowl. He had spent his early life near Kaiserswerth and told us he had tried to carry out the true spirit of its teachings and of its famous pupil. Miss Kay Francis herself appeared, wearing the uniform from the picture and repeated the Florence Nightingale oath. Just after sundown, the ceremonies ended with the sounding of taps by a bugler, whose notes were echoed from the nearby hilltop.

Monday saw the real business of the convention in full swing. The official headquarters were at the Shrine Auditorium. Here we registered, after waiting in line with other eager nurses. The total number who registered for the week was said to be eleven thousand. The exhibits were in this building and the booths of the national organizations. One could have spent many hours there. Los Angeles is said to be the largest city in the world as far as area is concerned; this we realized to our sorrow, in travelling from our hotel near the

Ambassador, headquarters for the A. N. A. and the League of Nursing Education to the Shrine, or to the N. O. P. H. N. meetings at the Hotel Biltmore.

The Convention theme was "Nursing as a Part of Tomorrow's Community Health Service." The detailed program booklet gave a bewildering list of most fascinating subjects and speakers. But there was also official business to be conducted; much of this has already been printed in the Journals, so a brief summary only will be made. Each delegate was given a printed copy of the reports of the officers of the A. N. A. and committee chairmen, so these reports were not read, but any recommendations in them were acted upon. It is always tremendously interesting to see the officers and well known nurses. They sat on the platform and many spoke during the course of the meetings. If a member spoke from the floor, she was asked to give her name and the State from which she came; sometimes she went to a microphone on the floor, near the platform so that all could hear her contribution. A Parliamentarian was also on the platform for all business meetings and was referred to frequently in complicated situations.

Miss Susan Francis, our A. N. A. President, who was re-elected by the way, conducted the first business meeting. The rollcall by States to which forty-eight delegates replied and those from the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico, was quite thrilling. It was voted not to change our national headquarters from New York City. The question of a national placement service was favorably endorsed and a committee is to prepare a plan to be referred to the States for discussion and action based on these results. Mrs. Elizabeth Soule of Seattle is chairman of the committee. It is felt that placement and vocational guidance are among the functions of a national organization. Again the question arose of the amalgamation of the Journal of Nursing and the Public Health Nursing magazine; there was considerable discussion but such a step will not be taken as yet. The Private Duty Section, now twenty years old, whose chairman since 1934 has been a member of the board of directors of the A. N. A., completed the revision of the Section rules. The members of this group have gained in numbers and self-consciousness and are keenly alive to their environment. One of their problems concerns the subsidiary workers, untrained persons competing with them in nursing fields. The private duty section presented a resolution recommending that the A. N. A. protest to W. P. A. administrators against the use of untrained workers on nursing projects, urging the use of unemployed registered nurses if the number of professional nurses on relief rolls is not sufficient. Other accomplishments of the A. N. A. during the past two years have been the formation of the Nursing Information Bureau; the preparation by the League as the Department of

Education of the A. N. A. working with the Hospital Association of the "Manual of Essentials of a Good Hospital Nursing Service." A study of incomes, salaries and employment conditions is being made, thirty-two States taking part. Massachusetts is included as we know, from the questionnaires which we all filled out last Spring. No report is yet ready.

One of the most interesting meetings attended was a round table conducted by the Nursing Information Bureau. As mentioned above, this is a new activity: the A. N. A. conducts it through the Journal and Miss Roberts, with the cooperation of the League. Miss Goostray is chairman and Miss Hazel Corbin, subchairman. The objectives of this Bureau are to educate the "public" as to "What you buy when you employ a nurse." The "publics" to be informed have been selected thus: (1) Our own nursing group to be better informed about conditions in the profession as set forth in "Facts About Nursing" and "Standards and Principles of Nursing"; (2) The nurse-employing public: this includes the selection of student nurses and one widely used pamphlet is "So You Want to be a Nurse." The second division is centered around registries, bureaus of nursing service and the public whom they serve, doctors, etc. This public is shown what nurses are like and what they are prepared to do. This Information Bureau has outlines for publicity in all States. It has sample charts and posters, hints about newspaper publicity, broadcasting, pictures of hospitals, a speaker's service bureau. The whole committee is extremely well organized and should be better known and use made of its available resources.

To turn now to the League of Nursing Education of which Miss Effie Taylor was president. The most vital matter for discussion was the report of the committee on national accrediting of schools of nursing. Miss Hawkinson was chairman and Miss Elizabeth Burgess a member of the committee, read the report and explained it most patiently. An argument against national accrediting was that standards might be too high for all to meet them. On the other side it was pointed out that this accrediting would be voluntary, that it would not effect State Board programs, that a "university school" would not be imposed as a standard on all schools and that schools throughout the country would be on such an accredited list. This might be a step towards some form of national registration for nurses. It will be a great undertaking for the League to put this plan into action but should be a step forward and one which was hoped could be completed by the Grading Committee. Miss Hawkinson, Professor of Nursing Education in the University of Chicago and having many associations with this hospital, is the new League president, and the other officers were re-elected. It should be mentioned also that the League held many other interesting meetings,

including one on the relation of the Junior College and the University to nursing education, at which two California professors spoke with a real understanding of our professional situation.

The meetings of the Public Health division covered many widely distributed fields. I attended a panel discussion entitled "How Can the Community Provide Adequate Nursing Service?" Ten people, both men and women, lay and professional took part and the discussions were most stimulating. The subject bore directly on the convention theme and made one realize our interdependence with each other. It was stated that the material and knowledge gained by a public health nurse is too often filed away for her own use and is not available to other groups of workers.

At the final business meeting of the A. N. A. two announcements were made; the 1938 Biennial is to be held in Kansas City, Mo.; the International Council of Nurses is to be invited to meet in the United States in 1941. A resolution was passed which summarized a subject discussed in great detail in many meetings that week; it concerned the staff nurse. I wish there were opportunity to report more fully on this vital subject; the needed improvements in this field. They include more careful selection, improved living and working conditions. It was felt that the place and preparation and progress of both the staff and general duty nurse were the big problem ahead of us, just as the eight hour day was that of the 1934 convention. So a resolution was passed recommending proper hours, living conditions, opportunities for development, etc., for staff nurses; and also that the subsidiary workers in hospitals and homes be given work only as outlined for them in the pamphlet mentioned earlier, "Essentials of Good Nursing Care."

The evening meetings for all groups, were most enjoyable. The officers of the organizations in evening gowns, made a lovely color scheme on the platform. On Monday night, there was considerable ceremony; addresses of welcome from the California officials and responses by the national presidents. A large chorus of nurses gave us pleasure with their fine singing. The program listed "Greetings" from Miss Clara D. Noyes; the shadow of her so recent death was felt very deeply, both then and all through the week. For she had prepared her reports most carefully and her vital personality spoke from all of them. Miss Roberts, long a friend of Miss Noyes, read her short paper; she begged for greater Red Cross enrollment as the numbers of Red Cross nurses were not nearly great enough in the recent flood disasters.

The high spot of this program was the awarding of the Saunders Medal. Speculations were numerous, as to who would receive it. Miss Elnora Thomson of Oregon, made the presentation speech, ending by saying she was honored to be the person to present the medal

as it goes to "my superintendent of nurses," Miss Helena MacMillan, of the Presbyterian Hospital, Chicago. After the long applause, Miss MacMillan spoke briefly of her appreciation. On other evenings the speakers included many of our outstanding leaders. Miss Goodrich made a plea for the Florence Nightingale International Foundation, the nursing education courses established in London.

On another evening the program opened with a half hour of Spanish music and dancing. We shall always remember the address by Prof. George Cox of the University of California on "What the Fine Arts Contribute to Better Living." He made you wish to live more fully and serenely. Quoted from his address: "Recharge your batteries with the beauties of nature. To a convalescent, a shadow of wisteria on a window blind may aid in his recovery; a starved psyche may be as bad as the loss of vitamins. Employ art in everything you do. If it does not contract another's heart, let it enlarge yours." Equally stirring but on a different theme was a final speech by Prof. Eduard Lindeman of New York on "Social Planning for Tomorrow." He gave us a direct challenge in his question, "Do you want to compromise with poverty, with crime and disease, or do you wish to help build, to help plan a nation?"

No convention would be complete without an M. G. H. gathering. Ours took the form of a luncheon fitted in at noon between meetings. Alumnae who came from New England included Kathleen Atto, Margaret Dieter, Rose Griffin, Helene Lee, Ruth Olson (Hartford). The others were Mary Giles, Vanderbilt University, Catherine Cain, student at Columbia, Pearl Castile, University of California and president of their State League, Mrs. J. M. Patterson, Los Angeles, Katherine MacDonald, Los Angeles, Elizabeth Jameson, California, Alta Walls, Lippincott Co., Ruth Hartzell Hayes, Pasadena. Other M. G. H. people who were at the convention but were unable to come were Mary E. Cole, Miriam Kalb, Elizabeth Sullivan, Ruth Wheeler. We each told briefly of our work and of course had a wonderful time talking together.

On looking back over the whole convention trip, beyond the details of the meetings, there come lasting impressions of the size, diversity and beauty of our country. We met old and new friends, learned much by exchange of personal experiences, gained inspiration from those who addressed us. It was impressive to consider that the nurses came from so many schools and hospitals, from so many hundreds of cities and villages and that they are carrying on a multitude of types of service. It brought wider horizons far beyond one's own small field of activity.

From the length of this report which even then can touch only on major events, you must realize what a tremendous experience it was, to go as your representative to the Biennial. I appreciate and

thank you most sincerely for this opportunity. I hope that this has brought to you the wider concepts of professional workers throughout the country, our relations with them, our common goals and the place which we as nurses hope to take with them in the future, in "Tomorrow's Community Health Service."

Our Exchange List

The Johns Hopkins Nurses' Alumnae Magazine.

Mount Sinai Alumnae News.

The Alumnae Journal—Peter Bent Brigham Hospital.

St. Luke's Alumnae Bulletin.

The A. N. A. Bulletin.

The Quarterly Magazine of the Alumnae Association, Presbyterian Hospital School of Nursing, New York.

The Newton Nurses' Alumnae Bulletin.

The Bulletin of the Alumnae Association of the Philadelphia General Hospital Training School for Nurses.

The Quarterly of the Alumnae Association of the Toronto General Hospital School for Nurses.

The First Autumn

Where God had walked
The goldenrod
Sprang like fire
From the burning sod.
The purple asters,
When He spoke,
Rose up beautifully
Like smoke.
And shouting glory
To the sky,
The maple trees
Where He passed by!
But when God blessed
The last bright hill,
The holy world
Grew white and still.

—MARSHALL W. SCHACHT.

THE MAIL POUCH

Excerpts from Mary M. Rogers, '12

Almora, U. P. India, Aug. 4, 1936.

At present I am enjoying a little rest and change on the hills but I will be returning to the hospital in two weeks time as I am anxious to start classes with the nurses to prepare them for their annual examinations which are set for the first week in October.

All the mission hospitals out here and some of the Government hospitals also belong to a Nursing Association. A committee of this Association sets all the examination questions which are sent around to the various hospitals so the nurses all take the same examinations and therefore they can be marked and graded more uniformly. Then each Superintendent of Nurses in the mission hospitals take their turn to go around to the different hospitals to conduct the practical examinations for the nurses, and so they all take the same practical examination. These are always given after the written examinations. First and second year nurses are able to take their practical examinations even if they have failed in their written subjects but the third year nurses are not allowed to take theirs if they have failed in even one subject. So all the third year examination papers have to be corrected before the practical examiners go forth. I am expecting to be called to examine some of the nearby hospitals this year as I have never been before. We have very little opportunity out here to visit other hospitals for we are all busy with our own hospital work so we always welcome this opportunity to take our turn to go the rounds.

This year I remained down on the plains during May and June, our two hottest months, to look after the hospital. This is a most beautiful, quiet and restful spot to spend one's holiday. Our bungalow is situated high up on a hill so we have a most extensive and wonderful view of all the other hills and mountains by which we are surrounded on all sides. I have never seen so many hills and mountains in one spot before. Nestled in amongst the hills are many little Indian villages with their terraced gardens of rice and other grains and their fresh vegetables. They are a most lovely sight when seen from the top of a high hill for they are all so fresh and green. Terraced gardens are used very much up here on the mountains as well as in China and Japan as I noticed when I was there. The people can secure a better system of irrigation this way and it also utilizes space as they are often made on the sides of a hill.

On clear days we can see the snow-capped peaks of the Himalaya Mountains. These peaks are always covered with snow and are a

most lovely sight when seen in the sunset glow with all the beautiful and delicate colorings and tints in the sky. Then, too, we can see the mountains bordering on the country of Thibet and the native state of Nepal. Both of these places are at present closed to the Gospel so no missionary has been allowed to enter to do mission work among them. If any of their own people leave the country they are not allowed to return for fear they will bring back the Gospel to them.

This is the rainy season up here and it has rained nearly every day since I have been here. The soil is very sandy and dries up quickly.

There is a General Sanatorium up here in charge of an English lady doctor where there are all sorts of patients who are in ill health. Then there is a Leper Asylum in charge of a very clever Indian doctor who is helping leper patients. There is also a Tuberculosis Sanatorium for Indians. They live in small houses each separate from others and take a regular course of treatment. This is a very healthful place. I want to visit all these places before I go down if the weather clears.

I have often recalled the very enjoyable evening Miss Illidge and I spent with you when I was in Boston. I was so glad and interested to hear about your work. I am eagerly watching and waiting for the appearance of your nursing book for I want to get one for reference.

I know you will be interested to hear about the club room which was also used for a class room. It is the fulfillment of a long-cherished desire. We have never had any place where the nurses could enjoy socials or entertainments. I know the large room is very cozily fitted with indoor games and a victrola. When the weather is fine the students enjoy out-door games and sports. All this has helped to create a happy spirit among the group.

Excerpts from Hazel Goff, '17

Istanbul, Turkey, June 21, 1936.

Well, here I am in another land in a position which I did not anticipate. The boat was in the dock and my baggage in the customs house en route for the U. S. A. when the Minister of Hygiene of Turkey persuaded me to stay and reorganize this school.

The Turks have been a long time coming to this point,—this school was organized and directed by a doctor for nine years. Having reached this point of wanting good nurses and begging an American

to help them, what could I do? They met every demand made by me. The result being a budget which will cover our needs. Well I got my baggage out of customs and let the boat sail, and now after six weeks with them have no regrets. We have 100 nice students, easily disciplined, skillful, anxious to learn.

Gradually I am acquiring the language.

July 1st I am going home for three months and I do hope you may be in or near Boston so I may see you. Have mislaid your address in repacking some of my things so must send this to the Massachusetts General Hospital.

Post-Graduate Study

During the summer the following alumnae of the Massachusetts General attended Teacher's College, Columbia University:

Helen O. Potter, 1909, at present studying at Teacher's College.

Mary J. McKay, 1911, Superintendent of Nurses, Henry Heywood Memorial Hospital, Gardner, Massachusetts.

Margaret G. Reilly, 1916, Home Visitor—Ella Lyman Cabot Foundation Cambridge Behavior Study, Massachusetts.

Marion C. Woodbury, 1920, Berkshire Health District, District of Nursing Service.

Anna Shaheen, 1922, Educational Director, Memorial Hospital, Worcester, Massachusetts.

Mary E. Shepard, 1924, Acting Principal, Faulkner Hospital School of Nursing, Boston, Massachusetts.

Hazel Walker, 1924, Superintendent of Nurses and Assistant Superintendent of Morton Hospital, Taunton, Massachusetts.

S. Daphne Corbett, 1925, Instructor of Nursing Arts, Worcester Memorial Hospital, Massachusetts.

Margaret Murray, 1927, Boston, Mass.

Hazel Halladay, 1930, Head Nurse, Massachusetts Eye and Ear Infirmary, Boston.

Alice T. Breen, 1930, Supervisor of Medical & Eye Division, Syracuse Memorial Hospital, New York.

Mary Sullivan, 1930, Head Nurse, E. P. Bradley Home, E. Providence, R. I.

Lyyli Eklund, 1931, Instructor of Nurses, Mass. Eye and Ear Infirmary, Boston, Massachusetts.

Helen Latham, 1931, Director Bellevue Hospital Nursery School, New York City.

Carrie Chick, 1932, Head Nurse, Mass. Eye & Ear Infirmary, Boston.

Alice M. Gustafson, 1933, Assistant Night Supervisor, Mass. General Hospital, Boston, Massachusetts.

Helen Hewitt, 1935, Head Nurse, Ward 16—Mass. General Hospital.

Sarah McCullough, 1935, Instructor in Principles and Practice of Nursing, Holyoke Hospital, Massachusetts.

Sarah I. Toabe, 1935, Instructor of Nursing Arts—Cooley Dickinson Hospital, Northampton, Massachusetts.

On July 30th Mrs. R. Louise Metcalfe McManus, class of 1920, of 520 W. 122nd St., New York City, entertained the M. G. H. nurses attending summer school at an informal tea. She was assisted by her charming little daughter, Joan, age three. Those present were: Helen Potter, '09, Mary J. MacKay, '11, Peggy Reilly, '16, Marion C. Woodbury, '20, Anna Shaheen, '22, Mary Shepard, '24, S. Daphne Corbett, '25, Margaret Murray, '27, Mary Sullivan, '30, Lyyli Eklund, '31, Alice M. Gustafson, '33, Edith Roberts, '35, Helen Hewitt, '35, Sarah McAllough, '35, Sarah Toabe, '35, Hazel Walker, '24.

Our Nurses and What They are Writing

Irma E. Reeve, 1919, Associate Director, New Haven Visiting Nurse Association has written on "Staff Education" for the August issue of the American Journal of Nursing.

Bibliography in Health Education for Schools and Colleges, by Mary Ella Chayer, 1910; publisher G. P. Putnam's Sons. It will be a great aid to instructors and students in their search for health material.

A paper, "The Nurse in the Nursery School" by Helen Latham, 1931, was read at the section meeting of the Biennial Convention on The Child in Nursing Education.

In the July issue of the American Journal of Nursing, Katharine E. Faville, '21, Associate Dean of the Bolton School of Nursing, Cleveland, Ohio, reviews Public Health Nursing by Mary Sewall Gardner.

Dr. Edward Reynolds

Boston Obstetrician and Gynecologist passed away on October 16, 1936, at his home, 321 Dartmouth Street, Boston, Mass. Dr. Reynolds was associated with the Massachusetts General Hospital and the Boston Lying-in Hospital.

Improvements

A coat of paint, new draperies for the windows and bright colored cushions for the chairs have done a great deal to brighten up the living room of the Walcott House.

Thayer class room has several accessories: a new white porcelain sink, a hopper sink, a utensil sterilizer, a linen closet and a rubber rack. In addition, all the utensil racks have been moved into the class room and the student chairs moved out since the class room is used now only for practical periods. Dressing booths have been built into the end of the corridor near the class room which was formerly the end of the trunk storage space.

M. G. H. Caps

Purchase from Miss Eunice Bradstreet, the Thayer, Massachusetts General Hospital. Price 35 cents, mail order 6 for \$2.30. 3 for \$1.25, postpaid. Caps may also be purchased from Mrs. Mary E. McKay, 18 Conant Street, Portland, Maine, and from Miss Hannah M. Wood, 423 East 64th Street, Apt. 47, 2nd Stairway, New York City.

In Memoriam

Miss Mary Cary Packard, '86

(From the *Baltimore Sun*, June 12, 1936)

Miss Mary Cary Packard, for nearly half a century one of Baltimore's most prominent nurses, died on June 11, 1936, at her home in Ten Hills. She was 78 years old and had been in bad health for some time.

Born in Brockton, Mass., Miss Packard graduated from one of the early nursing classes of Massachusetts General Hospital, Boston, in 1886. With her lifelong friend, Miss Sarah F. Martin, '88, with whom she lived, she came to Baltimore in 1887.

Together Miss Packard and Miss Martin organized the Grace Church Dispensary on Caroline Street, later the Robert Garrett Children's Hospital. They operated this institution for twenty-five years, doing a great deal of pioneer nursing work in Baltimore.

Miss Packard was prominent in organizing the Maryland State Nurses Assn., of which she was at one time president, and the Central Directory of Registered Nurses in Baltimore. She became a member of the State Board of Examiners of Nurses when it was first organized in 1904, and served on it for more than twenty years, working constantly to raise the standards of the nursing profession in Maryland. She was secretary of the board from 1904 to 1909 and president from 1909 to 1911. After four years off the board, she became a member again in 1915, serving as secretary until she finally retired in 1930.

Mrs. Joseph Hanlon

(Harriett Phalen, 1912)

October, 1936

Harriett Phalen was head nurse in the Massachusetts General Hospital for several years after graduating, and following, the Superintendent of Nurses at the Wheeling Hospital, West Virginia.

She married Joseph Hanlon, West Concord, Mass., who predeceased her.

Her death occurred at the Emerson Hospital, Concord, Massachusetts, following a critical operation. At her death she left her father and two brothers who reside in Norwood, Mass. She was a woman of pleasant manner and those who knew her loved her.

Her classmates join in offering their sympathetic condolences to her family.

In Memoriam

Jennie McIntosh, '02

Many friends of Miss Jennie McIntosh have learned with regret of her death, on April 19, at St. Petersburg, Florida, where, with her brother, she was spending the winter. She died of pneumonia after a brief illness.

Miss McIntosh graduated from McLean Hospital Training School for Nurses in 1899, and from the Massachusetts General Hospital in 1902. After graduating, she returned to McLean Hospital as Head Nurse in the Men's Department. In 1904 she was appointed Assistant Superintendent of Nurses at McLean Hospital, which position she held until 1912 when she succeeded Miss Lucia Woodward as Superintendent of Nurses. She resigned in December, 1921, because of ill health.

After spending some time in California in search of health, she returned East and accepted a position at Cromwell Hall, Cromwell, Connecticut. She left there in September, 1925, to become Supervisor of the Nurses' Dormitory at Strong Memorial Hospital, Rochester, New York, where she remained until her retirement in August, 1934.

Miss McIntosh was a woman in whom high standard and ideals were combined with a personality of rare charm.

As Superintendent of Nurses at McLean Hospital, she held her staff to a high standard of performance in all their duties. Her contact with the patients was sympathetic and understanding.

She had a keen zest for living and made friends wherever she went, whether in Ogunquit, Maine, where she loved to spend her holidays, or in the hospital, where she was held in affectionate regard by everyone with whom she came in contact.

She will be keenly missed by her many friends.

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1905-1906, October, 1905; June, 1906.

1906-1910, October, 1906.

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1911-1912, January, 1912; February, 1912; August, 1912.

1912-1913, November, 1912; December, 1912; March, 1913; April, 1913; May, 1913; June, 1913; July, 1913; August, 1913; September, 1913.

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1928-1929, October, 1928.

1929-1930, January, 1930; July, 1930; August, 1930.

STUDENTS' PAGE

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Senior Activities

Senior students are very busy these days raising money for their Senior Ball in February and for the Year Book which is to be published in January. Since the first of June the class has sponsored three informal dances and many sandwich and ice-cream sales. Plans are now being made for a Rummage Sale and a Christmas Bazaar. Members of the class are bending every effort to make their Year Book and Senior Ball a success.

On the afternoon and evening of July tenth the class, under the direction of Miss Marion Howland, gave a roof party on Walcott House. Japanese lanterns, gay pillows, bright flowers and radio music made a very attractive setting for such a party. Bridge tables and chairs were arranged around the boarded section of the floor and from these the guests could see the floor show and dancing.

Student Nurses' Cooperative Association

This Association held a Tea on July eighth as a farewell for Miss Minnie E. Pohe, Supervisor of Theoretical Instruction. The living room of Walcott House was attractively decorated with cut flowers donated by the students. The pourers for the afternoon were the Misses Marion Howland, Barbara Dormin, Judith Barron, Harriet Spaulding, and Marjorie Hume. Hostesses were the Misses Lucy Denio, and Doris Hutchinson. Miss Catherine Leonard, President of the Association, presented Miss Pohe with a Sears Gallagher etching of the Bulfinch Building. About one hundred and fifty of

Miss Pohe's former students and friends attended during the afternoon.

On August fifth the Association gave another farewell party on the roof of Walcott House, for Mrs. Warren Poland, Instructor in Nursing and Miss Eleanor Hill, Assistant Science Instructor. The students presented their instructors with engraved silver card trays. The surprise guest of the evening was Miss Winona Abbott, former instructor in Nursing at the M. G. H.

New Class

On September second the new class, sixty-two in number, was welcomed to the School with a Tea given by the Ladies' Training School Committee.

The Big Sisters gave the new students a "Prob Party" on the evening of September fourth. Games, entertainment, dancing and refreshments made a very enjoyable evening for all.

Miss Roberts took fourteen members of the new class to the Market District on their first Saturday evening in town.

On Sunday afternoon twelve students with Miss Roberts went on a tour of Harvard University and Peabody Museum.

Labor Day evening there were forty students of the school who took advantage of tickets donated for "Chalk Dust" at the Repertory Theater.

Song Books

The students Glee Club, under the direction of Miss Dorothy Smith, announce the printing of a new M. G. H. Song Book. There are sixteen pages of M. G. H. songs and familiar old favorites. The books are on sale for fifteen cents a copy in Miss Roberts' office in the Thayer.

Our Contributors

A tribute came from the Training School Office, "Miss Pohe Resigns," the name of the composer not given. It sounded as if Miss Johnson had her hand in the composition.

Miss Barbara Williams, 1920, is President of the Alumnae Association. She was a delegate from the Alumnae to the Biennial Con-

vention. To our Alumnae and all others who were unable to attend the convention the report gives much information.

Miss Marion Stevens, 1923, the Chairman of the Program Committee has furnished very interesting and instructive high class entertainment following each Alumnae meeting. Sometimes she makes the program earn a benefit for the M. G. H. Nurses' Training School Endowment Fund.

To Miss McCrae we are indebted for the content of the Mail Pouch news and announcements of marriages. The Quarterly is happy to receive these interesting letters from our Alumnae in far off lands. Miss Annabella McCrae lives at the Pioneer, Boston. Her address is 410 Stuart Street, Boston, Mass. Miss McCrae must have an interesting correspondence. We appreciate the privilege of being allowed to share in it.

Miss Anne Taylor, 1928, is supervisor of the medical ward at the General. With a big job already on her hands she is giving much time and thought to increasing the Endowment Fund. Read the article in the June Issue of the Quarterly Record, "The Revival of the Endowment Fund."

Miss Helen Burgess of the Training School Office and Miss Dorothy Tarbox of the Massachusetts Eye & Ear Infirmary make the Quarterly interesting and newsy.

We look forward to reading the students' page; the Editors do a good job. It is splendid that with their heavy schedule of class work to give time to entertainment and recreation. We would not miss this section.

The Quarterly Record would welcome other contributors. Many are doing wonderfully constructive work. Your Alma Mater has a "weak spot" and that is pride of her family.

Marriages

Flint-Rhodes. Eleanor Stevenson Flint to Dr. John Sloan Rhodes on November 11, 1935, at Exeter, New Hampshire.

Pettengill-Farrell. Ruth Pettengill, 1928, to Mr. Leonard Patrick Farrell on June 27, 1936, at Wrentham, Massachusetts. Mr. and Mrs. Farrell are now at home at 108 Lathrop Road, Geddes, New York.

Piper-Coxon. Ellen Zoille Piper to Dr. William Francis Coxon, Jr. on July 4, 1936, at Dover, New Hampshire. Dr. and Mrs. Coxon are now at home at 252 James Street, Utica, New York.

Packard-Murphy. Marjorie Beatrice Packard to Mr. Joseph James Murphy on July 5, 1936, at Westfield, Massachusetts. At home at 87 West Cedar Street, Boston, Mass.

Gustafson-Morse. Alice Gustafson, 1930, to Mr. John Morse on July 11, 1936, at Proctor, Vermont. Mr. and Mrs. Morse are now at home at 105 Pearl Street, Springfield, Massachusetts.

Eastman-Dormer. Vera Eastman, 1930, to Mr. John M. Dormer on August 11, 1936, at Hebronville, Massachusetts. After October 1, 1936, Mr. and Mrs. Dormer will be at home in Greenwood, Rhode Island.

Swett-Davis. Barbara Frances Swett to Mr. Donald Benson Davis on August 25, 1936, at Dover, Massachusetts.

Vivian-Floyd. Barbara Mackenzie Vivian to Mr. John Taylor Floyd, Jr. on August 15, 1936 at Niantic, Connecticut.

Alexander-Hopkins. Lois Alexander to Dr. Stanford William Hopkins on September 12, 1936, at Chestnut Hill, Massachusetts. Dr. and Mrs. Hopkins will be at home at 9 Willow Street, Boston, after October 15, 1936.

Brown-Martin. Sally Brown to Mr. Richard Martin on July 13, 1936, at Boston, Massachusetts. Mr. and Mrs. Martin are now at home in Colorado Springs, Colorado.

Oakes-Hellstrom. Edith Oakes to Mr. Paul Hellstrom on September 11, 1936, at Worcester, Massachusetts.

Kendall-Lonsbury. Laurette Wolf Kendall to Mr. Pierre Bailey Lonsbury on June 20, 1936, at Dansville, New York. Mr. and Mrs. Lonsbury are residing in Old Greenwich, Connecticut.

Wentworth-Dane. Katherine Hale Wentworth to Mr. John Chandler Dane on September 16, 1936, at Lincoln, Massachusetts.

Dunbar-Pelosi. Helen Priscilla Dunbar to Dr. John Joseph Pelosi on July 18, 1936, at Norwood, Rhode Island.

Brown-Goldberg. Evelyn Brown to Dr. Samuel James Goldberg, Jr. on September 24, 1936, at Medford Center, Maine.

Beatham-Zemantcik. Marie Sybil Beatham to Mr. Joseph Zemantcik on August 6, 1936, at New York City.

NEWS

Mary Springer is Assistant to the Superintendent of Nurses at Highland Hospital, Rochester, New York.

September 1st, Janet Wood started her duties as Medical Supervisor at the Faulkner Hospital.

Janet Mackie is an Out-Patient Department nurse at the Rochester General Hospital.

Edna Lepper is Supervisor of the Lower Wards at the General. Elsie Floyd has done vacation relief in the Training School Office of the General and Esther Martenson did the same at the Baker Memorial this summer.

Gladys Boutwell Loew is Night Supervisor at Englewood Hospital, Englewood, New Jersey.

✓ Catherine Wilson and Genevieve Rice have been appointed to the Staff of the Community Health Association; Hazel Bielfield to the New Britain, Connecticut, Visiting Nurse Association.

Sister Ratte (Annette Ratte) is floor supervisor on the Women's Ward of St. Vincent's Hospital, Toledo, Ohio.

Mary Ormand is a head nurse at the Presbyterian Hospital in Philadelphia.

Catherine R. Smith is Assistant in Charge of a Male Medical Floor at the Bronx Hospital, New York.

Edna N. Trayon is now doing clinic work at the University Public Health Nursing District in Cleveland, Ohio.

Mary Driscoll, Gladys Beardwell, Edna Backstrom, Margaret Lewis and Helen Van Meter are attending Simmons College School of Public Health Nursing this fall.

Sarah Toabe has accepted a position as Practical Instructor at the Cooley-Dickinson Hospital, Northampton. Sarah McCullough has the same position at the Holyoke Hospital, Holyoke.

Adaline Chase is studying for her Master's degree in Teaching Public Health Nursing at Teacher's College this fall.

Rowena Barton, Mary Bacon and Eva Davis have taken positions on the staff of the Queens Hospital in Honolulu.

Marjorie Cross is now Assistant Night Supervisor at the General, filling the vacancy left by Miss Barton's resignation.

Friends of Beulah Lehr will be sorry to learn that she was forced to resign as Assistant Supervisor of Theoretical Instruction because of her health. Mildred Cartland is filling the vacancy at present as Visiting Instructor.

Naomi Currier Lyons has resigned as head nurse on Ward A. Dr. and Mrs. Lyons are sailing for London in January where Dr. Lyons will do research for a year. Marjorie Chick has taken Mrs. Lyons' place and Helen Voigt is now head nurse on Ward 29 where Miss Chick has been for the past several years. Miss Voigt finished the year's course in head nursing at Simmons College in the spring.

Ruth Harrington is assisting Martha Ruth Smith, replacing Edith Holway Poland. Dr. and Mrs. Poland are now in Providence, Rhode Island.

Ruth Whittier will spend the next year at the hospital in the St. Anthony Station of the Grenfell Mission.

Naomi Cartwright begins her duties with the Detroit Visiting Nurses' Association in November.

Louise Cronin is doing floor duty at the Presbyterian Hospital in New York. Irja Hackman is in the operating room of the same institution.

Ruth Smith is attending the University of Washington School of Nursing Education this fall in Seattle.

Helen Conger is studying medicine at the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor.

Eleanor Smith has resigned as Lower Ward Supervisor at the General. She has returned to Ann Arbor where she plans to study for the year at the University of Michigan.

Marjorie Harper is taking a postgraduate course in operating room work at the Johns Hopkins Hospital in Baltimore.

Eileen Young is Superintendent of Nurses at St. Luke's Hospital in New Bedford. Hazel Walker is her assistant. Mabel Wheeler who has been in the Randolph Hospital in Vermont has gone to the Morton Hospital in Taunton as the assistant filling the vacancy made by Miss Walker's change.

Miss McCrae spent six weeks this summer in Dublin, New Hampshire, at V-Lawn, the house administered by Jessie Ryder.

An informal tea was given at the Walcott House on September 17, 1936, in honor of Hazel Goff who has been here on furlough this

summer. Officers of the Alumnae Association were the pourers. Miss Goff was formerly with the State Department of Public Health in Bulgaria where she organized a teaching centre for rural public health nurses. Her present position is Director of the School for Nurses of the Turkish Red Crescent at Istanbul, Turkey. The school, organized by a Turkish physician, is about nine years old and has approximately one hundred students.

Berneta Platt is afternoon supervisor at the Children's Memorial Hospital in Chicago.

Mary Springer and Esther Martenson received the Bachelor of Science degree from Teacher's College in June; Edna Cree received hers from Boston University.

Althea Bolles and Dorothea Bailey are attending the course in Ward Administration at Simmons College this fall.

After an absence of seven years, Hope F. Romani, 1916, Health Councillor at the Washington Intermediate School in Honolulu, T. H., visited her family in Milford, New Hampshire, and made a short visit with classmates and friends in Boston. Last year Miss Romani spent her vacation in the Orient.

M. G. H. graduates visiting Europe this past Summer: Melissa J. Cook, 1912, Superintendent of the Melrose Hospital, Melrose, Massachusetts; Helen T. Nivison, 1912, Superintendent of the Griffin Hospital, Derby, Connecticut; Margaret A. Matheson, 1912, Executive Secretary of the New York T. B. Association, Cardiac Division.

Leona F. White, 1916, recently resigned as Superintendent of the Chelsea Memorial Hospital, Chelsea, Massachusetts. Miss White is at her country home in Norwell, Massachusetts.

Margaret Murray (1927) resigned as operating room supervisor at the Massachusetts Eye and Ear Infirmary on June 30th, 1936. Miss Murray is now Office Nurse for Dr. Philip Meltzer, Ear, Nose and Throat Specialist.

Esther Martenson is on the staff of the New Haven Visiting Nurse Association.

Mrs. C. W. Lawrence (Edith Bragdon, 1923) of West Medway, Massachusetts, Mildred I. Taylor (1923) and Marion Barry Jennings, 1923, were recent visitors to the General.

Mrs. Louis Hurley (nee Ruth Reinhart) is now residing at 74 Baldwin Street, West Haven, Connecticut.

Mrs. William C. Smith (Marjorie Lane, 1927) is living at 39 Argonne Street, New Haven, Conn.

Nellie X. Hawkinson whom we have come to regard as one of us was elected president of the N. L. N. E. Miss Hawkinson is Professor of Nursing Education, University of Chicago.

Pearl I. Castile, '22, University California School of Nursing, was elected a director of the N. L. N. E. Miss Castile is President of the California League of Nursing Education.

Miss Elizabeth Hatlow, 1901, has been visiting relatives in San Francisco. On her way she spent some weeks enjoying the regal beauty of the Canadian Rockies and the Yosemite National Park.

Miss McCrae says she appreciated post cards from Mrs. John F. Forward (Irene L. Howarth, 1917), Miss Melissa J. Cook, 1912, and Miss Marion A. Manning, 1901, while they were abroad during the summer.

The many friends of Miss Helen Cleland, 1892, welcomed her to the Special Supper Meeting of the Alumnae, September 29th. She is living at Dennysville, Maine.

Births

A daughter on July 16, 1936, to Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Ingalls (Isabelle Richardson) at the Baker Memorial.

A daughter on July 18, 1936, to Mr. and Mrs. Otto Humphreys (Mildred Blake) at the Baker Memorial.

A second daughter on July 20, 1936, to Dr. and Mrs. Herbert Adams at the Baker Memorial.

A daughter, Barbara Lane Smith, on July 7, 1936, to Mr. and Mrs. William C. Smith (Marjorie Lane, 1927) at the New Haven Hospital, New Haven, Conn.

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December, 1936
Boston, Mass.

Dear Friend:

Members of the Alumnae and friends of Miss Annabella McCrae have expressed a wish to honor her in some way. It would seem appropriate that the Alumnae take the initiative in this plan as Miss McCrae has been a guiding force in the lives of all of its members.

Already we have received the following suggestions:

- a. Portrait
- b. "Annabella McCrae Fund"—Income to be used for special equipment for the teaching of Practical Nursing.

On the form below please indicate your preference of the form which this honor should take by checking one of the two suggested, or by naming one of your own choice.

Sincerely yours,

RETA CORBETT

ERNA KUHN

DOROTHY TARBOX, *Chairman.*

This second notice is sent out in order that we may have a greater number of replies before taking action.

To—

Dorothy Tarbox
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- a. Portrait
- b. "Annabella McCrae Fund"
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Only a Smile

'Twas only a smile that was given,
 From a friend that I chanced to meet,
 With a face as bright as a sunbeam,
 In my busy walks of the street.
 My soul was in darkness and sorrow,
 And my heart all burdened with pain;
 And tears to my eyelids came welling,
 And I strove to stay them in vain.

'Twas only a smile that was given,
 And the donor went on her way;
 Yet it brought to my heart a sweetness
 Through the whole of that livelong day.
 'Twas a glance so tender and hopeful,
 So sweet and so loving and true,
 That my troubles—I quite forgot them,
 And found myself smiling, too.

—*Unknown.*

The Old Time M. G. H.

In the *Modern Hospital* for February we find this literary snapshot of the chief surgeon of 1875:

"Dr. John Brooks Wheeler remarks in his recent book, 'Memoirs of a Small-Town surgeon,' that one of the practices of internes of his day at the Massachusetts General Hospital was to carry ligatures in their buttonhole to be ready for an emergency. The chief surgeon in 1875 wore an old blue long tailed broadcloth coat when operating. Doctor Wheeler remembers this surgeon announcing to a class, 'We do not wear gowns here. It is not necessary to look like a butcher to be a surgeon.' Then the phenol spray was the favorite antiseptic because germs were thought to be wholly airborne. What virtue do the rainbow hues of antiseptics of today possess? There surely can be no mistake as to the area of skin painted when they are employed. Many still believe the adage, *Similia similibus curantur* (like is cured by like). A red flannel shirt or a cranberry poultice to many surely prevents the red erysipelas. The practices of yesterday are no more bizarre than some of those of today."

An Interesting Vacation

By FRANCES P. WEST, '06

We were fortunate in having three days in an air-conditioned car, before we made our initial stop, in which to cool both our tempers and our minds which had been sadly affected by the heat of Middletown.

Our first visit was in the Yellowstone Park. When the first man discovered this region, the people to whom he reported his findings decided that he was touched in the upper story and for about sixty years no further exploration of the place was made. Moreover, the nearby Indians thought that the place was the abode of the Evil Spirit and an excellent place to keep away from. Maybe you wouldn't be so astonished by this, if the first thing that you came up against was mud-slinging high and wide, and the belching and burping from the bowels of the earth of steam and gas that smelled like rotten eggs.

Geysers are supposed to be dying volcanoes and are found only in three regions in the world: in Yellowstone National Park, in Australia, and in Iceland. A year ago, I was all agog to see these wondrous sights in Iceland but just before landing was desolated when told that the only non-employment in that Northern island was concerned with the geysers. Just after we entered the arctic circle we received a cable-gram which informed us that the strike was over and that the geysers had gone back to work for the first time in one hundred and twenty-five years.

There are six principal geyser basins in our National Park varying in size, character, and action. Some like the famous Old Faithful which performs approximately every sixty-five minutes, spout with amazing regularity. Some shoot their streams of water with their accompanying billows of steam straight up with tremendous force, some reach as high as one hundred and fifty feet. Others spout at an angle, and still others bubble and foam during eruption.

Marvelously colored hot-springs, mud volcanoes and strange hot water formations are scattered throughout the park. In some places the hot water pours over beautifully encrusted terraces built up from the lime deposits that have been brought up in solution in the hot water. Diatoms and other microspic algae grow on the sides of these terraces painting them with hues of red, pink, and bluish gray, which glow brilliantly in the hot water. In certain lights the surfaces of these pools seem vividly colored, the deeper ones appearing an intense blue or green. Two of these pools stand out particularly in my mind: one known as the morning glory pool because of its deep purple chalice in which the boiling water bubbled and danced, with its wide rim which spread out like the petals of a huge flower. Similar in shape was the emerald pool so named because of its remarkable green coloration.

The variegated volcanic colorings and the fantastic effects of erosion made the Grand Canyon of the Yellowstone an unforgettable sight. The cliffs on both sides offer a kaleidoscope of colors, varying from deepest orange, pink and crimson to faintest yellow and pearly white all of which is accented by the green of the forests above and by the clear intense blue of the mountain skies.

Dominating all is the great cataract, twice as high as the falls of the Niagara, at the head of the canyon.

In places throughout the park are areas which look as if they were composed of checkered black glass, where millions of years ago the lava cooled unevenly and cracked. While hard-by are beautiful palisades formed by the even cooling of the lava in these parts. Interspersed throughout the park are upright trunks of petrified trees.

Yellowstone Park is said to be one of the largest wild-life refuges in the world, but we had to take this for granted for we only got a chance to ah and ah at three moth-eaten bears, four moose, and no mountain goats.

Out in the vast open spaces we do get a more appropriate reaction toward our own personal relative values, and there are always those present who will gladly help deflate the ego of the tourist. One day there was listed on the menu a dish called blueberry cobbler, and never having been a gobbler or cobbler I asked our lordly waiter what it was. Disdainfully and somewhat pityingly came the reply: "Why, madam, it is a cobbler, just like any other cobbler."

Then another blessed day in which to cool our heels as we rode through the majestic Rockies, becoming almost inebriate with the intoxicating beauty of the Western Sunset. And so on to Seattle, the most beautiful city that I have ever seen. Everywhere we rode, although it was mid-August there was a profusion of roses and a second blooming of dogwood, and almost groves of mountain ash.

Due to the influence of the Japanese current which is similar to our Gulf Stream in the East, extremes of temperature are unknown in this region, snow almost unheard of in the winter as are searing heats in the summer. We thought that we had entered the arctic circle, however, when we entered one of the fisheries where they were outfitting the King of Salmon for his trip out East. First they glazed him with ice to retain all of his body fluids, next froze him still as a board, and next encased him in an armor of ice before sending him out on his conquest.

Seattle abounds in playgrounds, parks, and one-family houses. But enough. Seattle was to us primarily a portal to Alaska and a place where we could get our domes scoured and lacquered and our wax-figures thoroughly scrubbed before we set out to conquer the great Northwest.

For a couple of days we basked in the sunshine on the deck of

our half freighter, half passenger boat reveling in the beauty of the tree clad mountains and the deeply indented fiords while we umpired the games of leap-frog played by the silvery salmon.

It was a wonderful sensation realizing we were on our way to the last frontier in America, a land so close to Siberia that it could be reached in fifteen minutes by plane; a land extending well into the arctic circle, and one so closely linked with British America thus indirectly forming a union with Europe. A wonderful territory, one of our biggest assets in time of peace, and a very real hazard in times of international unrest. A land of the midnight sun; a land of prolonged darkness pierced only by the spectacular Northern Lights. A land of glorious flowers and one of perpetual ice and snow.

The route from Seattle to Skagway is known as the inside passage. It is winding in and out of half-submerged mountains and is similar to the traveling along the coast of Western Norway winding in and out of the Fiords. There are all combinations of sea and sky, or ever-green slopes and snow-capped mountains; and at the end of the day came the marvelously beautiful sunsets bringing with them a peace derived from no other source.

We sailed along five hundred miles of coast belonging to British Columbia before we reached Ketchikan, our first port in Alaska, where we awakened the townspeople at six in the morning, for when a boat docks the town turns out.

This town is situated on Revilla Island in a region where the salmon come in great hordes in the summer and near the banks from which are taken most of the halibut sent from Alaska to the United States and Canada. It lies right on the water against a background of towering mountains crested with snow. It has no beach and the business section rests on piles thus jutting out over the bay. The streets are plank roadways built upon posts. The residential sections cling to the sides of the cliffs. These are reached by stairways or by winding roadways of boards to which have been nailed slats to keep one from slipping.

Ketchikan has a rushing stream through the town in cascades and rapids. The fish toil up these rapids and falls to spawn. It is a weird thing that from the time that the baby salmon leave their native shores until they reach maturity four or five years later, it has never been learned where they go. But with maturity comes the urge to return to the place of their birth, the determination to battle the streams until nearly exhausted, then to turn on their backs, pay their debt to nature and die. The spawning grounds are often a thousand miles inshore. After a day's ride inland we saw hundreds of fish herded together just outside Hell's Gates. None had had the foolhardiness to enter in. Usually the fish pair off and when they decide that they have travelled far enough, the male, with tail and snout,

digs a broad, shallow nest in the gravelly stream bed in which the female deposits her eggs. After these have been fertilized by the milt of the male, the couple cover them up with sand and gravel, and then together they float off down stream, tail first, making no effort to swim back to the sea and in three or four days they both die.

The fishing industry is the most important business in Alaska. Including the operation of the seal fisheries, we have realized more than a billion dollars from them. We are now getting about six times as much annually from Alaskan fish as we paid for the whole territory when we bought it from the Russians. From just one cannery alone at which our little boat stopped to collect freight, seven million crates of forty-eight cans each have been sent outside this summer.

The fish are deposited by thousands at the canneries, still alive and flopping. They are hardly dead when they are started through a machine known as the iron-chink because it has replaced so many Chinese workers. This machine chops off their heads, fins, tails, eviscerates them and removes the backbones. Then they are carried on endless belts to the chopper which automatically cuts the fish in the correct size pieces to fit the cans in such a way that each can receives its own share of the several parts of the fish. The machine puts into each can just sixteen ounces. After this the cover is fitted on by machinery and the cans are conveyed to a resort where they are cooked under pressure for an hour and a half. About one hundred and seventy-five cans go over the belts in a minute.

In Southeastern Alaska a curious survival of the Old Indian customs is seen in the Totem Poles which the Indians used to erect before each house and over the graves of the chiefs and some of the heads of the families. These poles were the tribal crests or coat-of-arms of which the native Indians were very proud. So many have been removed that it now makes a nice game of hide-and-seek to find them in their original settings. The Totem poles about the Indian dwellings range in height from that of a man to that of a four-storied dwelling. Most of the carvings are of animals and of birds, indicating to which of the two great families or their branches the inmates of the house belonged. The main branches are represented by the eagle and the crow.

I came to admire the astuteness of the Indian Medicine Man. It was told me on the usual good authority of the grapevine line, that it was customary to carve just one effigy on the graveyard totem, unless the deceased had died owing his physician, in which case another must be added to be removed later by the medicine man only after he had been sufficiently recompensed by the family of the departed.

Juneau, Alaska's present capital, is a thriving mining and fishing center with territorial buildings of great pretensions. Again Juneau is a city on the water with wooded mountains rising in the background

to a height of about two thousand feet. Most of the houses and streets stand upon stilts. Here, too, the Japanese current tempers the seasons so that the summers are hot and the winters are endurable despite the piercing winds.

We enjoyed beautiful clear weather all the time that we were coasting along Alaska, a rare circumstance we have been told, which made it possible for us to see many wonders which ordinarily are engulfed in fog. Thus we awakened one morning to find that we were passing the Alaskan range, dominated by Mt. St. Elias, reaching eighteen thousand feet upward to kiss the sky. Alaska has the highest mountains on the North American Continent, and some of the greatest glacial fields in the world. For hours we sat entranced as we sailed by this glorious, snow-clad range. Nor did we have to yearn at parting as it faded from our sight, for just as the beauty began to dim, a soft fleecy cloud tumbled down curtaining it from us.

And on to Valdez, a little town with stilts imbedded in a dead glacier. It was at Wrangell that we went to visit the home of Old Chief Snakes. Efforts are continually being made to bend the Indian to White Man's civilization, but the Indians cling tenaciously to their old rites. Many years ago, when the Old Chief's house was built, his braves labored long with their crude implements to fashion the uprights and cross-pieces for the foundation of his tribal home. When these parts were ready, he threw a big party, or pot-lash, to get enough men to put these parts in place. At a pot-lash one goes nearly bust feeding the crowd and then goes completely so dispensing gifts, always hoping that at the next shindig of its kind, one will get one's shirt back but with trimming on it. At the ceremony, a live slave is put beneath each upright, the better to hold the pile in place, my dear! In the very center of the hall was the fireplace, the outlet for the smoke being merely a hole in the roof. A few feet from the fireplace, a platform is built along the four walls and this serves for both dining room and rocking chairs. One tier higher up is another platform which makes the sleeping quarters for the tribe, the chief's place of honor being the softest, that farthest removed from the door, while the slaves must needs take their places near the low entrance.

Between Lynn Canal and Seward, a distance of about five hundred miles, there are more than five thousand glaciers, twenty-five of which are discharging icebergs into the tidewaters. With the exception of Greenland and the Antarctica, Alaska is the greatest glacier region in the world. Nearly every Alaskan river has its source in a glacier. The most spectacular one which we saw was the Columbian Glacier which has a water frontage of four miles, rises out of the water to a height of four hundred feet, and recedes inland for twenty-nine miles. Our boat approached sufficiently near for us to get a thrilling image of it and for us to be surrounded by icebergs of the most

fantastic shapes. The vibration of the ship's whistle would be followed as by a clap of thunder and the tumbling of icebergs into the sea.

When we reached Seward we got the urge to go inland and see what about Uncle Sam's newest colony. For two hundred miles we wound through the most stupendous of mountain scenery, past glaciers with fields of brilliant flowers at their feet, along bays where whales disported themselves.

We were amazed to find the great fertility of the Matanuska valley, so in contrast to the burned and dusty acres which we had seen deserted in the Dakotas. It was surprising, too, to learn of their comparatively mild winters with their average snow-fall of less than two feet. Two thousand C.C.C. workers had preceded the colonists, building roads and clearing the land. Each settler had forty acres of land presented to him for settling on it. Then for a very low sum, the Government had built him a home, regulation barns, and out-buildings, stocked his farm and provided machinery with a leeway of twenty years before he had to think of his first payment. Moreover, a new up-to-date hospital with a resident army physician, a modern school, and extension of the experimental station from the Alaskan University, a greenhouse to start the plants early in the spring, a community hall with a weekly change of movies, has been provided. They are now constructing a milk cannery for them. Seventy-five percent of the families which went out have remained and are making good. The summers are short but hot and the days are twenty-two hours long so that the vegetables grow luxuriantly. Fortunately the market is greater than can be supplied. It seemed at first as if Uncle Sam had been most lavish toward a chosen few until we learned that shortly an army and an air base are to be established nearby and that Alaska must be made self-sufficient in case she is shut off from traffic with the States by Russia or Japan.

Oh the glaciers toss off icebergs
In the land of the Midnight Sun,
While the hot springs sizzle and bubble
And volcanic lavas run;
While the salmon leap up the rivers
Seeking their native shore,
Avid to plant their seeds of life
Before their days are o'er.
In this land of the Arctic Zone
A nomad people roams
Letting the reindeer choose the sites
Where they shall pitch their homes.
Here the dormant bear gives birth to her cubs,
And the native Indian preserves his sacred rites
While over them all into every reach
The Mighty Spirit sends His auroral lights.

The Advisory Council Dinner Meeting

M. S. N. A.—Oct. 27, 1936

By BARBARA WILLIAMS, '20

There were eighty-one guests at this dinner meeting, representing fifty-three of the eighty-nine Alumnae Associations in the State. Seated at the head table were the officers of the State Association and with them were the Alumnae presidents from St. Margaret's Hospital, and the Henry Heywood Hospital in Gardner; they were thus honored as their association had increased over 100 per cent. in membership during the year. Mrs. Jones, the president, had the pleasure of introducing to the group, Miss Sayles, the new assistant at headquarters.

The first speaker was Miss Wiedenbach, Secretary of the Nursing Information Bureau. This bureau, now two years old, has done much to interpret nursing to the public. Extracts from "Nursing, Today and Tomorrow" have been sent to every State and printed in their newspapers. Thousands of pamphlets about the nursing profession have been distributed in order to try and help the right student to get to the right school.

Miss Gertrude Morton, supervisor of nursing projects in New England under the auspices of the Works Program Administration spoke about her work. Each project for this program is first sponsored by the local or State boards of health and then sent to Washington for approval; after being passed on by the President, it goes to the U. S. Public Health Service and back to the State Department of Public Health. There are thirty-two nursing projects in Massachusetts. To be eligible for work on those projects, a nurse has to be registered in the State, and be on relief through the local welfare organization. The salary is from seventy-four to ninety-four dollars a month, with usually, a twenty-eight hour week. The work consists principally of bedside nursing in needy homes and helping in immunization projects. One nurse is assigned for First Aid duty for any sewing project when more than one hundred women are working in a group. It is hoped that all of those nurses working under the P. W. A. will soon be absorbed by regular work in their own communities.

Reports were given by the five district presidents and Miss Lee explained the interesting charts displayed at one end of the room. The meeting was very enjoyable and helpful, because in addition to learning much from the speakers, there was an opportunity to talk with officers of other alumnae associations.

Miss Annabella McCrae Receives Honorary Membership

On October 28, 1936 Miss Annabella McCrae was elected to honorary membership in the Massachusetts State Nurses' Association by the Committee on Nominations. Following is the recommendation made by Miss Stella Goostray:

Madam Chairman: There is one recommendation in the Report of the Nominating Committee which calls for action by the members in Convention Assembly rather than by ballot. I refer to Honorary Membership. The committee has suggested the name of one who has long been associated with this organization. In fact, she attended the preliminary meeting at Faneuil Hall when the association was organized. Through all the years she has attended its meetings and worked for its objectives. As a teacher of the art of nursing for nearly forty years, she has touched the lives of hundreds of students who have graduated from the Massachusetts General Hospital and, in addition, many affiliating students. I am glad to have been one of the latter group. But who can measure the influence which has gone out through those whom she has taught, since they in turn have taught others. And we may be sure that all through the United States and in many foreign countries patients have had good nursing care through the ideals which she has presented to her students. She has had one ambition for these students—that they might be good nurses and good women. And she has exemplified always her belief

“That new occasions teach new duties,
Time makes ancient good uncouth.
They must upward still and onward,
Who would keep abreast of truth.”

Therefore, Madam Chairman, I should like to move that the recommendation of the Nominating Committee, that Annabella McCrae be made an honorary member of the Massachusetts State Nurses' Association, be accepted.

Report on Papers Given at the Autumn Meeting of the Massachusetts State Nurses' Association. Social Hygiene

By MARY E. LAMMERS, '35

Sophia Nelson, R.N., of the Massachusetts Organization for Public Health Nursing gave a summary of the development of Social Hygiene work in Boston and Massachusetts State, as a whole before

introducing Dr. Moore who is well known as a Syphilologist and whose text book is widely used in present day dermatology.

He began with the public health aspects of syphilis which must be known in order to study the progression of the disease, that is the organism, the housing of it, the method of transmission and the measures taken for control. He illustrated this theory by typhoid fever and its successful obliteration. In syphilis we know the organism, it is housed by man, it is no bacteriological accident. There must be direct contact of moist surfaces. Therefore our efforts must be directed toward the control of luetic infection. This must be done by education, and who is to carry out this extensive occupation? It must begin in the home and be supplemented by schools, the radio and literary articles. The nurse, as the standard of public health should consider it her duty to break down these barriers of false shame and induce the laity to consider the social aspects of this disease, impress upon each patient their responsibility to their parents, their children and the community at large. In Massachusetts there are 10,000 cases of congenital syphilis. This is not necessary. The solution of which is routine Wasserman examination on every pregnant woman.

Dr. Moore compared the incident of syphilis in this country with that of foreign lands. In Denmark there is less than one case of luetic infection to every 100,000 people. Congenital syphilis is almost nihil due to law abiding educated citizens. What is the trouble with our progressive American citizens?

By MARIE E. SCHERER, '35

The revision of the Curriculum is perhaps the greatest issue among the leaders of Nursing Education today. Isabelle M. Stewart, R.N., Professor of Nursing Education at Columbia University, spoke informally at the State Convention concerning the aims and objectives of the various aspects of curriculum problems.

The League of Nursing Education has never attempted to standardize nursing. It has offered a concrete thing which is reasonable and practical and its representatives state: "We don't say 'you *must* plan your courses of study in this or that particular way', but we believe that these are important things which you should be working towards in the next few years".

Schools of nursing exist primarily for education. They should be set up to meet with the *learning* needs of the student and *not* to meet the *working* needs of the institution. They should admit young women who possess potentialities for developing certain qualities which will help them to adjust socially to the outside world and meet the demands made of nurses by the public. In other words the graduate

nurse should not be a discard in the labor market but a well integrated member of her community.

Is the training school based on a professional and collegiate level? Has the student nurse ample time for sleep, extra-professional activity, formal and clinical instruction, adequate nursing experience, access to a well equipped laboratory and library—or is she dealing with “bricks without straw”?

Hospital administrators say: “Theoretically we agree with your Curriculum and these modern trends of Nursing Education but where is the money coming from?” Certainly the student nurse should not be expected to pay for her maintenance as well as her learning. Education is a service to the Community. What kinds of service does the hospital want to give? If a school is maintained it *must* be good or nothing. Therefore discontinue it or find the ways and means of propagating it.

Progress in Treatment of Arthritis

By HELEN HEWITT, '35

Before an audience of approximately two thousand nurses representing the Massachusetts League of Nursing Education, the Massachusetts State Nurses Association and the Massachusetts Organization for Public Health Nursing, Dr. Charles Short from the Staff of the Massachusetts General Hospital, stressed chronic arthritis as one of the most important public health problems now confronting health officials. In the State of Massachusetts alone arthritics outnumber cancer victims twelve to one and tuberculosis patients nearly six to one.

Dr. Short spoke briefly on the types of arthritis of known cause. The infectious type is most common and fortunately responds most readily to a specific form of treatment namely—fever therapy—which consists of insulating the body and then raising the body temperature to 105° to 107° F. and maintaining that constant temperature for a period of four to six hours. Fever may be produced by a variety of means but the most efficacious method is the intravenous injection of killed typhoid bacilli. This is most effective in gonorrheal arthritis.

Rheumatoid arthritis represents a disease of the whole organism, not the joint alone and the treatment must be carried out accordingly. The latter depends upon exact diagnosis, based on history, X-ray, laboratory findings and physical examination. It is unjust to treat the condition until proper diagnosis has been made. Therapeutic measures consist of physiotherapy, orthopedic care of joints to prevent or correct deformity and a diet rich in vitamins and minerals.

The outcome of arthritis depends largely upon the determination of the patient to recover. Coordinated team work among doctors, nurses and patients is invaluable. Dr. Short referred not only to the nurse in the hospital ward but also the Public Health Nurse who is responsible for the continuity of treatment and helpful reassurance.

In conclusion, Dr. Short said that arthritis is a real public health problem in that it is an economic loss to the community and it affects the happiness of dependents. At present there are over 150,000 cases in Massachusetts and the most pressing need is hospitals equipped for the treatment and care of these victims.

By HELEN FRENCH, '35

At the second day's session of the Convention, Dr. Margaret R. Anthonison, a consultant in mental hygiene at Wellesley College, told the nurses that the eight-hour day is of importance in preventing the isolation in institutional life, a condition which has a tendency to affect the mental health of the individual. The student nurse's mental health is safeguarded by a diversity of well cultivated interests which bring her pleasure and satisfaction. In earlier days when the student nurse worked twelve and fourteen hours her potentialities for being an interesting person to herself and to other people were lost. The long duration demanded a degree of physical endurance which often disqualified nurses, promising for work in special fields—as, for example, some branches of psychiatry.

All preclinical students have some need for adjustment. They should have a proper distribution of hours for work and recreation, an advisor to seek out their personality quirks and help them to meet with their mental conflicts, to aid them in the advancement of socialism and prevent untoward reactions, to help them to be able to give and take and how to honorably establish herself in the profession.

Dr. Anthonison stated that, in choosing prospective students, nursing educators should give much thought to age limit, the motive for bringing the student to train for nursing as a life asset, vocational tests, personality investigation, photographs and her attitude to a psychosis in the family.

Associated Activities

Ether Day

The Ninetieth Anniversary of Ether Day was October 16, 1936. Luncheon was served in the Brick Corridor followed by a series of speakers in the Lower O.P.D.

- Dr. E. D. Churchill—Advances in Surgery of the Lung.
Dr. Walter Bauer—What Is Hypertrophic Arthritis.
Dr. Stanley Cobb—Psychologic Factors in Arthritis.
Dr. H. K. Beecher—The Capillary Wall.
Dr. W. J. Mixter, Dr. J. S. Barr, Dr. A. O. Hampton—
Ruptured Intervertebral Discs.
2:15 and 3 p. m.—Ether Dome.
The film—"Advent of Anesthesia"
4:00 p. m.—Rotunda
Ether Day Address by Dr. P. D. White.
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On *Thursday, Nov. 19*, an exhibit of activities involved in medical care was given at the General in connection with the Community Crusade in which the hospital participates. The hospital kept open house from 3 to 6 o'clock, when visitors were conducted through the institution to see the equipment and procedure in medical and surgical care of the patients. Numerous exhibits were assembled in the Brick Corridor showing the Social Service done by the hospital, the work of the Dietary Group, the occupational therapy department, the patients' library and the medical and surgical laboratories and the nursing group. At 3:30 Dr. Paul D. White gave a short talk which was followed by demonstrations of every department coming to plan in the care of hospital patients. These were grouped into three classes, immediate care of the patient, teaching, and research. Tea was served in the Rotunda.

A radio program for children sponsored by R. H. White Co. was dedicated to the children in Massachusetts General Hospital, on Saturday, Dec. 12, from 9:45 a. m. to 10:30 a. m.

Christmas at M. G. H. 1936

Background for the holiday observance consisted of wreaths on all windows on Bulfinch building front, six lighted Christmas trees outside and three in the hospital, poinsettias made of crepe paper decorated every bed. Wall or window decorations appropriate to the season were found here and there throughout the hospital.

During the week before Christmas several groups sang for the patients. Among these were the Boston University Choir, girls from the Junior League; the choir from the Dorchester Baptist Church and on Christmas Day, Comey's Quartet sang in all the wards. Dr.

Richard Cabot and his carolers sang on the evening of Dec. 24 for Wards 9-1, in front of the Bulfinch, in the corridor between Baker and the Phillips house, and as one of the groups of carolers on Beacon Hill in the traditional celebration there. On Christmas morning student nurses rose in time to have coffee and doughnuts in the dining room of Baker Memorial before singing for all the wards at 5:30.

A party was given in the Women's recreation room for the employees by the visiting Ladies of the Hospital with Mrs. Dean, Mrs. Bullard, and Mrs. Meigs as hostesses. The children had a good time with Santa Claus as guest at their party in Ward 10, December 23d.

Last year the occupational therapy department inherited the trimming of the brick corridor tree. The few patients who helped led to the idea of making this an affair! So this year an adult party was held on Monday, Dec. 21st.

All ambulatory and wheel chair patients, about one hundred in all, were invited. The most popular part of the entertainment was the Boston University Quartet who not only sang but helped lead everyone in two carols. Mrs. Phyllis Gall read aloud the story "Why the Chimes Rang," and throughout the program a small group trimmed the big tree. Certainly it was more fun for the T. S. O. this year and from what is being said, everyone seemed to have a good time.

For three years the Candle Light Service given by the Glee Club has been one of the outstanding events of the Christmas season. The Glee Club has grown in numbers from forty-seven in 1934 to ninety-four members this year and the audience seems to increase in the same proportion. It is a service which is increasingly popular with both participants and audience.

The growth and success of these concerts are due to the unceasing efforts of the director of the Glee Club, Miss Dorothy Smith, and the accompanist, Mrs. Ruth Elliott Smith.

The program included the traditional Christmas songs, so familiar to everyone at this season. Miss Elizabeth Benson sang a solo entitled "The Birthday of a King" and she also carried the solo parts in "O Holy Night". This year we were very fortunate in having for our guest speaker, Bishop Henry Knox Sherrill, D.D.; Bishop Sherrill's message was very inspiring and appropriate for the Christmas season.

The Student Association sponsored the Open House at Walcott on Christmas Eve again this year. For the many girls who could not go home this was a pleasant event. There was a bright fire in the fireplace, good things to eat and a friendly atmosphere for the people who dropped in during the evening.

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Fifteen students enjoyed a series of tap dancing lessons during the months of October and November. The course was taught by a senior student from Sargent College of Physical Education. There are plans now for a course in social dancing after the first of the year. Last year this activity was very popular. The first part of the course is for beginners only and after these people have mastered the steps the course is open to anyone who wishes to learn some of the new dance steps.

Basket ball is still a popular sport. The girls play one night a week at the Peabody Playhouse. It is sometimes an effort for them to get started but once there they thoroughly enjoy themselves. The group is now eager to schedule some games with other schools of nursing.

The senior students are still busy raising money in various ways. They have sponsored an informal dance for all students each month since last June. They have also had many sandwich sales and informal parties for raising money. The class is very ambitious this year to raise enough money for their class book and senior ball.

A group of twelve graduates and students were members of an Occupational Therapy Class taught by Miss Morse of the Occupational Therapy Department. There was some very nice work accomplished by this group. Some made leather key cases, book covers and cigarette cases and others made blocks for their own Christmas cards.

There have been several informal parties for the students this fall. The holidays are always an excellent excuse for a party. At such times there are always some students who are unable to get home and are so glad to have something out of the ordinary to amuse them. The usual course of events at such a gathering is games, singing and refreshments.



THE ALUMNAE

Report of Alumnae Meetings

October 20, 1936

By HILDA G. BLAISDELL, '20

The first Alumnae meeting of the current year was held in the Walcott House classroom, Tuesday evening, October 20, with good attendance.

Reports of the Secretary and Treasurer were read and approved and the usual business transacted.

Plans for the Endowment Fund Bazaar were outlined by Mrs. Balboni and Miss Taylor. One Thousand Dollars is the goal set for the Bazaar.

Dr. Champ Lyons, Surgical Resident, talked on "New Conceptions in the Treatment of Infections". In January Dr. Lyons goes to England for further research.

Refreshments were served in the Walcott House living room.

November 24, 1936

About thirty-five senior students were welcome guests at the Alumnae meeting held in the lower O.P.D. Amphitheatre, Tuesday evening, November 24, 1936.

As there was no new business to discuss the meeting was adjourned, following reports of the Secretary and Treasurer.

December twenty-second is the date announced for the Candle Light Service. This lovely carol singing by the Glee Club has become a definite part of Christmas at the Massachusetts General Hospital.

Dr. Frank Hunter gave an intensely interesting illustrated talk on Egyptology and Ancient Egyptian Surgery. Excerpts read from case histories written over 3000 years ago show similarity to present methods of diagnosis and treatment. Reduction of fracture of the jaw has remained unchanged through the centuries.

Reminders

Alumnae Dues

The Treasurer wishes to remind graduates who have not paid their Alumnae dues for 1937 that February 1st is only a few weeks away and it would be most gratifying to have no delinquents when that time arrives.

In Memoriam

MRS. D. F. DAVISON

(Hannah E. Pray, 1882)

Died September 1936

San Diego, California

The Alumnae in New York

There was a meeting of the M. G. M. Nurses in and around New York City held Tuesday, November 24th, 8 p. m., at the Women's Hospital, 141 W. 109th street. Miss Bates made it possible for us to meet there and a business meeting was held.

The discussion centered around the better organization of M. G. H. Nurses in this vicinity so that they might function as a group. New officers were elected, the names as follows:

Miss Helen Giles, of Henry Street, to be Chairman, Mrs. Jennings resigning.

Miss Sylvia Perkins, Secretary.

Mrs. Mabel Commins, Treasurer.

Because we wish to increase our membership a Membership Committee, with Miss Margaret Mathison as Chairman, was chosen.

Motions relative to the formation of a Program Committee, Sick Nurses Committee, action relative to the Endowment Fund and the annual dues of this organization were passed.

It was suggested that it would be very helpful to the New York group if in the QUARTERLY RECORD were published the names of all those known to be in New York or vicinity so that the secretary would be sure not to miss anyone when meetings and reunions were planned. We would be very grateful for this.

The roll call for the November meeting was as follows: Mrs. Laura Hume, Mrs. Marion Jennings, Miss Mabel Commins, Miss Mary Rogers Bates, Miss Ruth Smith, Miss Alice White, Miss Marie Koonan, Miss May Ryan, Miss Margaret Mathison, Miss Helen Giles, Miss Ella Allen, Miss Mildred Stevens, Miss Olive Walsh, Miss Winifred Parsons, Miss Virginia Leussler, Miss Bertha Jackson Goodwin, Miss Helen Latham, Miss Florence Illidge.

SYLVIA PERKINS, R.N.,

Secretary.

Reminder

M. G. H. graduates who are living in New York and vicinity should send their addresses to Miss Sylvia Perkins, Secretary of New York group. Address The Morristown Memorial Hospital, Morristown, New Jersey.



The Bazaar

On Tuesday, Dec. 1, 1936, Walcott House looked very gay for the Bazaar and the whole place fairly buzzed with excitement. From 3 p. m., until after ten the large number in attendance was most gratifying. When, in our Alumnae meeting, Mrs. L. Balboni announced that a Bazaar was being planned and one thousand dollars in profits was the goal, everyone gasped but we are happy to announce this goal was attained. A great deal of credit is given Mrs. Balboni and her efficient committees for the success of the affair.

From the Endowment Fund Committee

We welcome this opportunity to express our appreciation for the gifts received during the past months toward the Bazaar. The results were most encouraging.



The Massachusetts State Nurses' Association convention ended on Oct. 29, 1936 with a candle light tea, given by District No. 5, in honor of new superintendents of nurses in Massachusetts hospitals. Among those honored were: Eileen Young, St. Luke's Hospital, New Bedford; Josephine Mulville, New England Hospital for Women and Children; Mary E. Shepard, Faulkner Hospital; Alice B. Coe, Milford Hospital, and Helen O. Potter, Quincy City Hospital.

District No. 5 of the Massachusetts State Nurses' Association held its sixth annual meeting on Tuesday, Jan. 19, 1937, in the Hawthorne Room of the Parker House at 7:00 p. m.

The annual meeting of the New England Hospital Association will be February 25, 26, and 27, 1937 at the Hotel Statler.

In the Spirit of '73 We Are Still Pioneers

1873—Training School for Nurses established.

1895—Alumnae organized.

1909—Sick Relief Association organized.

1911—First issue of the QUARTERLY RECORD.

1915—The Endowment Fund started.

The Years of Victorious Efforts in Between.

Where to Write

1. Send letters for publication of marriages, births, engagements, news, queries as to addresses, etc., to Melissa J. Cook, Melrose Hospital, Melrose, Mass.

2. Change of address to, Walborg L. Peterson, Massachusetts General Hospital, Boston, Massachusetts.

3. Annual dues with change of address to, Annie C. Carstensen, Massachusetts General Hospital, Boston, Massachusetts.

4. Send obituary notices to, Elizabeth Hatlow, 1111 Boylston Street, Boston, Massachusetts.

5. Send Sick Relief dues to, Elizabeth Hatlow, 1111 Boylston Street, Boston, Massachusetts.

6. Send donations for the Endowment Fund to, Alice Maude Townsend, 39 St. Marys Street, Brookline, Massachusetts.

7. For the Loan Fund to, Miss Katherine Pierce, Massachusetts General Hospital.

News

Louise Moser is an assistant head nurse at Sheppard and Enoch Pratt Hospital, at Towson, Maryland.

On Tuesday, Oct. 13, 1936, members of the Teaching Staff and the Training School Office gave a tea for Eleanor Hill who resigned from the Science Department to be married. Marguerite Vichules Bourgeois is filling the position made vacant by Miss Hill's departure.

Margaret Flatley is Supervisor of the Operating Room at Malden Hospital.

Rowena Belden spoke on "The Practical Aspect of the Follow-up for Syphilis" stressing particularly the nurse in the state organization at the Massachusetts State Nurses' Association on Oct. 27, 1936.

Another interesting paper which was read at the State Meetings was "Is a Course in Diversional Occupation for the Student Nurse Necessary?". This was read by Miss Lucy Morse of the Occupational Therapy Dept. at the General.

Ruth Wheeler, 1925, is Supervisor of the Waltham District Nursing Association. Her new address is 147 Myrtle Street, Waltham, Mass.

Sadie Convelski is Supervisor of the Upper Surgical wards at the General.

Linda Burgess is head nurse on the 7th floor of the Phillips House. Helen Nagelschmidt is on Wards C. D. with Margaret Hazen as Assistant, and Dorothea Bailey is now on Ward 7. Marion Thurston Carey has resigned as head nurse on Ward F. and Bessie McLellan has replaced her there.

Mildred Hoffman Morris is now residing at 132 W. Chestnut Street, Asheville, N. C.

Elizabeth Howarth is head nurse in the Eye Clinic of the Out-patient.

Ann Kalnit is suture nurse in the operating room of Memorial Hospital, N. Y. C.

Edyth Angell is Supervisor of the operating room at Lakeside Hospital, Cleveland, O.

Christine Stone is doing general duty at the New Haven Hospital in order to become familiar with the ways of the hospital. She is to be an assistant head nurse on an orthopedic and surgical ward.

The many friends of Alice Wescott (M. G. H. 1913) will be glad to hear she is recovering from a serious automobile accident. Miss Wescott is at the Henry Heywood Memorial Hospital, Gardner, Massachusetts.

Minnie S. Hollingsworth (M. G. H. 1897) recently visited her old home in Hendersonville, North Carolina.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank H. Barter (Glee Marshall 1914) and sons, Frank and Marshall, are now residing at 10 Walcott Street, Hopkinton, Massachusetts.

Mrs. John Bauerlin (Ethel Dudley 1916) is now a member of the Nursing Staff of the Cambridge Hospital, Mt. Auburn Street, Cambridge, Massachusetts.

After an absence of twenty years, Marie Sirois (1915) has returned to Boston to do private nursing.

Miss Isabella Lumsden (1892) has been visiting her cousin, Miss Annabella McCrae.

Nelle M. Selby (1915), who has lived in France and Spain for the past ten years, is now residing at 2700 Macomb Street, N. W., Washington, D. C.

Annie M. Robertson (1910), Assistant to the Director of the Massachusetts Eye and Ear Infirmary, spent the month of November in Montreal.

Josephine A. Mulville (1913) assumed the superintendency of the N. E. Hospital for Women and Children on November 1, 1936. Miss Mulville was formerly Superintendent of Nurses at the Beth Israel Hospital.

Veda E. Lohnes (1928) is relieving in the T. S. O. of the Baker Memorial Hospital for a few weeks.

Mora Madeline Ross sailed Jan. 5, 1937, for France where she is to marry Lieutenant Reynolds C. Smith of the U. S. Navy. They plan to live on the Riviera.

Mrs. James Murry Gallison of Chestnut Hill announces the engagement of her eldest daughter, Marjorie, to Herbert Stanwood Sise, son of Dr. and Mrs. Lincoln F. Sise, also of Brookline. Mr. Sise is in the class of 1938 at the Harvard Medical School.

Little Brown and Co. are the publishers for Helen Dare Boylston's new book, "Sue Barton, Student Nurse". A reviewer says, "This lively and realistic story of a girl's first year of training as a probationer

evidently has the Massachusetts General Hospital for its setting. Though never given the actual name, there are all sorts of clues for the discerning."

Mary Shepard has been awarded a Master's degree by Teachers College, Columbia University.

Blanche Haley, Mary Grammont, Sadie Convelski and Ethel Perry are attending Miss Wood's Head Nurse Course at Simmons for the spring term.

Through the efforts of the Library Committee of the Ladies Committee on the Training School for Nurses a volunteer librarian, Miss Maxine Bailey, has been secured for the student's Library at Walcott House. Miss Bailey began her duties January 18 and will spend from 8:30 a. m. to 3:30 p. m., in the library daily for one month to study our needs.

Graduation will be held on February 10, 1937. Frances Perkins, U. S. Secretary of Labor, will be the speaker.

Mr. Alexander Kane, one of our graduate orderlies, passed away on Ward E December 4, 1936 after a long illness. Mr. Kane was 72 years old.

Isaline A. Davis of the class of 1886 has given her pin to the Training School for the senior students to use when they have their pictures taken. Miss Davis' present address is 174 Main Street, East Northfield, Mass.

Ruth Schilling is Assistant Night Supervisor in the Presbyterian Hospital, Newark, New Jersey.

On February 1st, Louise Mowbray begins a midwifery course in Scotland, three months of which will be spent at Royal Edinburgh Maternity and the remaining three months with the Queen's Institute on District Midwifery.

Katherine Schuyler Howard writes of a full and happy life with her four daughters. Mrs. Howard has two daughters of her own and two step-daughters. In spite of her domesticity, she says she keeps in touch with nursing through her membership on the Red Cross Visiting Nurse Service Committee.

Phyla Marsh Stevens has been awarded an A. B. Degree by George Washington University in Washington, D. C. Her present address is 939 Convention Street, Baton Rouge, La.

Gladys Lawrence has received her Master's Degree from Teacher's College, Columbia University.

Leila M. Childs, Mrs. E. E. Elding, sailed last spring with her husband and two children to Africa after a furlough in this country. Two boys remain in a school in South Carolina.

Louise C. May is now in Lousanne, Switzerland. Her address is care of Thomas Cook and Sons.

Marion H. Wells is Superintendent of Nurses, Faxon Hospital, Utica, New York.

Mrs. Alice C. Cleland, 1907, is Superintendent of the New Hampshire Memorial Hospital, Concord, New Hampshire.

Engagement

Simms-Butler. Miss Edna Simms to Mr. Gordon Montague Butler of Tucson, Ariz.

Marriages

Bergamini-Riley. Ruth Riley to Mr. George J. Bergamini on July 16, 1936, in New York City. Mr. and Mrs. Bergamini are now at home at 4041, 166th Street, Flushing, N. Y.

Rockwell-Durgin. Jeanette C. Durgin, 1934, to Mr. Albert Rockwell on Oct. 19, 1936, in Portsmouth, N. H. Address Box 125, Portsmouth, N. H.

Alling-Jones. Susan Jones to Mr. Stanley J. Alling on Nov. 21, 1936, in Cambridge, Mass. Mr. and Mrs. Alling will reside in Cambridge.

Steele-Tripp. Elizabeth Tripp to Mr. E. Rolfe Steele on Jan. 1, 1937, at Plymouth, Mass.

Bugbee-Koivu. Sirkka Koivu to Mr. Maurice L. Bugbee on Nov. 28, 1936, at Maynard, Mass.

Burke-Merritt. Mary Merritt to Dr. Francis Ramon Burke on Jan. 21, 1937, at Quincy, Mass.

Births

A daughter, Janet, to Mr. and Mrs. James Green (Savinia McEachern) on Oct. 5, 1936, at the Baker Memorial.

A daughter, Marilyn, to Mr. and Mrs. Timothy Donohue (Louise Bennett) on Oct. 2, 1936, at Baker Memorial.

A second son to Dr. and Mrs. Arthur W. Berry (Dorothea Keough '29) on Oct. 16, 1936, at Piedmont Hospital, Atlanta, Ga.

A daughter, Harriet Elizabeth, to Mr. and Mrs. Edward Barker (Neva Snyder) on Dec. 9, 1936.

A son, Perry Damon, to Mr. and Mrs. Earl D. Greenlaw (Frances Perry), on Oct. 22, 1936, at Baker Memorial.

A son, Jonathan Winslow, to Mr. and Mrs. Harold R. Miller (Gertrude Mower), on Oct. 30, 1936, at Baker Memorial.

A son, to Mr. and Mrs. E. Nason (Marie Giardina), on Jan. 1, 1937, at the New England Baptist Hospital.

A son, David Severance Appleton, to Mr. and Mrs. Scott Appleton (Ruth Holt), on Dec. 27, 1936, at Nashua, N. H.

A daughter, Rachel Louise, to Mr. and Mrs. Albin Junnila (Helmi R. Salmi, '26), on Sept. 21, 1936. Address, 1534 Hyde Park Avenue, Waukegan, Ill.

Brother and Sister

Announcement that the Massachusetts General Hospital will soon build a \$2,000,000, fifteen-story building in the center of its West end grounds is the first material reminder the public has had of the generous and far-sighted will of Mrs. Harriet J. Bradbury, who died in 1930. The benefactions of her brother, George Robert White, are well known. The public health centers erected by the income of the great fund which he left to the city are daily serving the people of Boston. The new hospital building, which will be named in his memory, will house the general wards and will thus carry on this health work another step forward.

The community knew little of George R. White and Harriet J. Bradbury in their lifetimes. They were born in South Acton, the children of Capt. John H. White, an army officer who lost his life in the Civil War. The family moved to Boston and George entered the drug business where he eventually accumulated a large fortune. When he died in 1922, leaving \$5,000,000 to the city his wealth and philanthropic interest first became generally known.

Mrs. Bradbury, a widow, lived in a similarly inconspicuous manner. When she died eight years later, leaving an estate estimated at \$15,000,000 to several Boston institutions, including the Boston Museum of Fine Arts, the Massachusetts College of Pharmacy, and the Boston Lying-In Hospital, as well as the Massachusetts General, the community was again agreeably surprised.

The new Massachusetts General building will rise considerably above Phillips House, the department for private patients, and the Baker Memorial, the hospital for people of moderate means. Serving as it will the poorer people of Boston, its eminence on the city's sky-line will be a symbol of this community's primary concern for its less fortunate members and a monument to the nobility of two modest citizens.—
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1937 Graduation

Graduating exercises for the Class of 1937 took place in the Rotunda on Wednesday evening, February tenth. Mrs. Robert Homans, who presided, announced the names of the ninety-three members of the class. An address was given by Mr. Arthur C. Hill, who kindly consented to speak when it was learned that the expected speaker for the evening, Mrs. Frances Perkins, would be unable to attend. Miss Johnson read the report of the school and the Glee Club gave several selections. Following the exercises a reception for the graduates and their friends was held in the brick corridor.

The Massachusetts General Hospital Training School for Nurses—Graduation Report, February 10, 1937

Each year we pause for one brief evening to pay public honor to the graduating class of this school of nursing. It would consume a number of evenings to interpret adequately the priceless service that these young women, and others like them, have rendered to this hospital, and, through this hospital, to thousands of patients. Perhaps you think that "priceless" is too strong a word; it is not. Such service as theirs cannot be paid for in money. I hope that a time will come when some one will be given the power to tell the story of the contribution that student nurses throughout the world have made to the progress of medicine, to the care of the sick, and by no means least, to the general morale of our hospitals. I declare, and challenge anyone to deny me when I say it, that in no other kind of organization do students give so much of themselves. How freely they give of youth's precious store of hope, vigor and enthusiasm. Their difficulties have not resulted from those features of training about which they were warned, namely, the distressing features of illness, floors to be scrubbed, and the aspects of military discipline. Their major sacrifices have resulted from three quite different situations: too long a working year, week, and day; the restrictions of a uniform that cannot be worn beyond the hospital environs; and over and above everything else, the pressure of work that has too often made it impossible for them to get the satisfactions they had a right to expect from both class room and ward experience. But why, in 90% of these situations, have they made these sacrifices in so sporting a spirit? Partly because the work is interesting, ever changing, and often exciting, but largely because these young women know the history of the development of nursing education and therefore understand why the system is as it is. They know too that the last twenty years have brought great improvement, and that the next ten years are going to bring even greater. Most important of all, these seniors will make their own contributions to these future improvements. They will make mistakes as we have done but the only person who makes no mistakes is he who does nothing. Oh, how my own generation of nurses needs the help which this generation is prepared to give.

A year ago we offered an apology for the large size of that graduating class because there had been much apprehension relative to the threatened over-supply of nurses. That class numbered ninety-four. This class is smaller; it numbers ninety-three. Many times during the past year we have wished that the class of 1936 had been even larger, for there were not enough of our own graduates to supply our own needs. And now we are impatiently waiting for these young women to

become available. We need this larger number of nurses because our daily census of graduate nurses has grown as a result of the increased patient census at the Phillips House and the Baker Memorial, because of the higher ratio of graduate nurses to students in the General Hospital, and the more time-consuming nursing procedures which have followed the progress in curative and preventive medicine.

To meet more adequately the increased demands made upon the student nurses, we have lengthened the school year to the calendar year and then divided the school year into tri-mesters. The result is the teaching of all courses in the curriculum, with the exception of those in the preliminary term, three times each year. The benefits are greater ease in adjustment to the needs of all affiliated students, closer correlation of theory and practice, wider spread of vacation periods, fewer classes for the individual student per week, fewer students off the wards at one time, and smaller classes.

The census of the school is reduced about 13% from its high peak. Had the census remained at its high peak the Hospital would have met, without question, the cost of maintenance, textbooks, uniforms, et cetera, for the larger enrollment. The Hospital therefore was justified in expending this sum for the employment of floor duty nurses to relieve, to some extent, the larger load per student caused by the decreased enrollment. Therefore fourteen floor duty nurses were placed on the wards of the General Hospital. This number is a substantial beginning toward the policy of an even higher ratio of floor duty nurses to students which every hospital has found necessary. The only other permanent addition was to the administration staff: an assistant head nurse placed on Ward C-D. As a result of previous additions and long continued planning, it became possible to relieve the ward supervisors of practically all school-office duties. They now spend most of their time in teaching and supervising out on their respective wards. This has been a very exhausting experience for these supervisors for it has brought to them a new realization of the ever-increasing demands and the difficulties that stand in the way of satisfactorily meeting these demands. But being nearer to them has developed ability to interpret them to persons who can help. Therefore a number of the difficulties have been met and eliminated.

There have been several changes in the supervisory and teaching staff. The largest number of changes was in the full time teaching group of five, four of whom resigned. One might well ask the reasons. There were valid reasons: matrimony accounted for two; ill health and home demands for the other two. The senior of this group, Miss Pohe, who so ably planned and supervised the curriculum had been here for seven years. Her influence extended far beyond the confines

of her office and her class room, for she did much to help the students with their own personal development. No instructor was ever more appreciated by the students and they wish her success and happiness in her new position of superintendent of nurses in the Geisinger Hospital, in Danville, Pennsylvania. Miss Margaret Reilly, after having been in charge of the Skin L Clinic for twenty years, resigned in April to work with Dr. Richard C. Cabot in the newly created Ella Lyman Cabot Foundation. During these years Miss Reilly built up a knowledge of the nursing aspects of dermatology and syphilis that is probably possessed by no other nurse. She used this knowledge for the relief of hundreds of patients and for the teaching of hundreds of nurses.

The assistance given by the volunteer group has grown. Three volunteer ward secretaries are of great help to busy head nurses. While the number of hours given by each of the Red Cross Hospital Aides is small, the sum total given by thirty-seven during the year is a real contribution. Miss Marjory Peabody, a graduate of the School of Nursing of the Presbyterian Hospital in New York, has acted as head nurse five days a week in the Children's Clinic. This is a very generous volunteer service.

Speaking now of the curriculum, a reorganization of the major course in nursing technics and nursing practice has been of advantage to the nursing service. This course now includes a unit in massage, one in diversional occupation, and one designed to prepare the students better to meet their entire ward responsibility. One of the important contributions to both nursing service and nursing education has been the writing of a Ward Nursing Procedure Manual, a book of approximately one hundred pages, which has been placed in every ward for purposes of reference. An elementary course in sociology has been incorporated in the program of the second year. The only development in the field experience is a concerted effort to increase the number of students who have experience in the orthopedic and dermatological wards.

In the past, schools of nursing have been almost barren of social and recreational activity. Today the extra-curricular program fills a need because it provides a medium for social life within the doors of the hospital. Our outstanding activity is that of the Glee Club under the leadership of Dorothy Smith, a graduate of last year, assisted by a pianist, Ruth Elliot Smith, a graduate of a few years ago. This group gave a concert in the spring, sang at a "Pop" Concert, sponsored by the alumnae in June, and conducted a candle light Christmas service. The Open House on Christmas Eve and informal parties on other holidays have made their special contribution. A sign of post depres-

sion days, and of hard work, is the reappearance of the Year Book of the senior class.

The members of the Advisory Committee to the School have made a special effort to inform themselves about the problems and obligations of schools of nursing and about the relationship between nursing service and nursing education. The school is fortunate in having Dean Mesick of Simmons College and Dean Jordan of Radcliffe as members of this committee. They themselves would say that they are just beginning to learn about nursing education. Perhaps that is so, but of course they know a great deal about general education. Since nursing education needs to assimilate a larger number of the features of general education, these deans make a valuable contribution. For the purpose of increasing its service, the committee has divided into four sub-committees: house and social activities, library, service, and education. The chairman of each of these committees makes a monthly report. And when a report is required, it follows that there will be progress to report. Current literature is one of the sources of information. It is with a great deal of pride that I am able to say that twelve members of this committee are subscribers to the "American Journal of Nursing." Mr. Kidder, Chairman of the Trustees' Committee on the school, presented us with a letter of Florence Nightingale's and with it her own memorandum naming the subjects that should be taught to "probationers" as that young group was formerly called.

Many of you know that the hospital is launching an extensive building program. Within a few months, we shall be razing buildings to gain ground for the erection of the White Building which will house administration offices, surgical wards, kitchen and dining rooms. A legacy will provide money for a new Children's Building and another will contribute toward the building of a nurses' residence. The latter has long been the greatest need of the hospital. This anticipated building program is one reason why there has been practically no new construction or remodeling. Rather, this has been a year for the laying on of gallons of paint and for the hanging of yards of cretonne. You of the alumnae will be interested in seeing the change that has taken place in the Thayer class room. The old red brick walls are now cream colored and the frosted panes of the windows on the Yard side have been replaced by clear glass. The dungeon effect of the room has been decidedly lessened. Considerable stationary teaching equipment has been installed.

The school maintains a real interest in its graduates and takes genuine pride in their accomplishments. Neither hospital nor school has a greater asset than this large body of women, who, throughout the length and breadth of the land, have made such valuable contribu-

tion to society. We are glad that so large a number act upon the realization that they must continue to add to their preparation. We have no way of knowing just how many have done post graduate work this year, but we do know that at least thirty-one have been students at Teachers' College, New York, and thirteen others at Simmons College. There is a reciprocal interest between the graduates and the school. These evidences are found in well attended alumnae meetings, class reunions, and sundry money donations. The most distant reunion was in Honolulu where nine graduates had luncheon together. Today it would be possible to add four others to that Honolulu group. May I pause to remind members of those classes whose years out are multiples of five, that this is their reunion year.

We have lost by death three of our outstanding older alumnae: Miss Booker, Miss McIntosh, and Miss Packard. For a period of twenty-one years, Miss Booker was the successful superintendent of the Corey Hill Hospital where she was responsible for the care of a very large number of the private patients of many of Boston's leading physicians. Miss McIntosh, who had previously graduated from the McLean School, we associate with that institution, where she was first the assistant and then the superintendent of nurses for the greater part of her professional life. Her's was a rare personality, so generous, so kind, and so lovable. Miss Packard was one of Maryland's most prominent nurses for more than fifty years. With a close friend, another graduate of this school, she organized a dispensary that became the Robert Garrett Children's Hospital, and together they directed that institution for twenty-five years. A friend of Miss Packard's wrote of her "... one who ... has left us a pattern of so much that is good and true"

The changed relationship between Simmons College and this school has become effective. According to the new plan, ten students came last month as affiliated students. A member of the faculty of this school directed the summer courses of the freshmen and sophomores of the Simmons College School. The former were taught at the Peter Bent Brigham Hospital and the latter here. Simmons College is filling a long felt need in nursing education here in New England for it not only has the five-year program for the high school graduate, but programs for graduate nurses. Of the new courses, the most needed at the moment provide preparation for the first level positions of head nurses and assistant instructors. Perhaps the most appreciated course is the one that makes it possible for the graduate nurse to continue her academic and nursing education on a college level leading to a degree. During the year just closed, four nurses taking these various courses have come to this hospital for field experience. In July, the first graduate of our combined five-year program who majored during her senior

year in head nursing, was appointed to the position of head nurse in one of the medical wards.

There is still a close relationship between Simmons College and the three schools of nursing with which it has long been associated. The college has given the principals of these schools, Peter Bent Brigham, Children's, and Massachusetts General, the appointment on their faculty of Associates in Nursing. To the graduates of these schools who are registered nurses, who have met the entrance requirements of the college and who are recommended by the principals as being able and prepared to carry college work, Simmons College will give a maximum advanced standing of twenty-four year hours, which is usually equivalent to one and one-half years of the four year college course.

This discussion leads to the mention of the growing trend of schools of nursing toward becoming an integral part of frankly educational institutions. And the mention of that trend, leads us to ask where this school should be going. The primary object of a school is education. The primary object of a school of nursing should be education for nursing. This is the primary object of a school of nursing which is an integral part of an educational institution, but not of one which is an integral part of a hospital. The primary object of a hospital school is care of patients. By the very nature of the situation, it cannot be otherwise just so long as the money given to the hospital is given chiefly for the care of patients. Even desirable changes cannot be made too rapidly in an organization as complicated as that of a hospital and where so much is at stake. Then too, no one knows which is the right road out of the predicament in which nursing education has found itself. There must be more than one right road that will lead to the desired goal, namely, a nurse adequately prepared to meet the demands made upon her today. Every progressive school must keep informed relative to those newer demands and work out a plan that will prepare its nurses to meet them. As the community program for prevention of illness and maintenance of health grows, the service of nurses in this preventive program grows. The major defect in the nursing education of today is the inadequacy of the preparation of the average nurse for this preventive service.

The hospital feels justified in spending its money for the purpose of providing its students with that body of knowledge and with those nursing technics that will prepare them to care for the patients within its own doors. The hospital questions, and perhaps rightly, the extent to which it is justified in spending its money to provide the students with a somewhat different body of knowledge and with a somewhat different group of technics, that will be little used *in the hospital*, but largely used for patients out in the community. Yet the graduate nurse of today must have this knowledge and this technic if she is to serve

effectively. She expects to obtain these tools of her vocation in the process of her training and she has a right to that expectation. Today every well prepared nurse must possess certain knowledge and certain skills that were formerly the equipment of the public health nurse only.

Since the greatest criticism of the nurse of today is her lack of an adequate background for subsequent service out in the community, the hospital should have no compunction about asking the community to contribute money for the express purpose of aiding the school of nursing. An endowment is the most common means of such support. The alumnae of this school have been at work for some time on this project of an endowment fund. Through a hard working committee, they have renewed their activity during the year just passed. The total amount of this endowment fund is over \$71,000. With the exception of two large gifts that total \$1500, and a few smaller ones, the nurses have given this sum of money themselves. When compared with endowments of other schools, this amount of \$71,000 is small indeed; but the high percentage contributed to the fund by our alumnae would compare most favorably with the contributions of other alumni to their respective endowments. Philanthropists and other socially minded individuals give to the endowments of schools of medicine, theology, law, and the like, because it is said that such education is expensive; that the student themselves cannot be expected to bear the entire cost; and because, the major reason usually given, the graduates of these schools render great service to the community. But what of the schools of nursing? Surely nurses serve the community. Student nurses in the hospital schools more than pay the cost of their education by the nursing service which they render to the hospital. Nursing education that will meet the needs of today will cost far more than that which has been provided in the past. The *students* cannot be expected to meet this added expense, either in money or in service; neither can the alumnae be expected to provide an adequate endowment for this school.

Therefore, we commend to the philanthropist the merits of an endowment fund for this school of nursing. There is a crucial need of such a fund, one of considerable size. The alumnae has made a substantial beginning. We believe that there are individuals in Boston and vicinity who are able, and who would be willing, to make a substantial contribution to an endowment for this school if they were adequately informed as to the need. That grand old man of Boston, Edward Everett Hale, often spoke on the theme, "Look forward, not back—and lend a hand." It is the policy and the practice of the Massachusetts General Hospital Training School for Nurses to "look forward, not back." And without the slightest attitude of offering an apology, but with every attitude of offering an opportunity, we ask our friends to "lend a hand."

THE ALUMNAE

January 26, 1937

Sixty-one members were present at the Annual Alumnae meeting held in the Walcott House Classroom, Tuesday evening.

Annual reports were read by the Secretary and Treasurer, followed by reports from the Chairmen of the twelve Committees which make up the Alumnae organization. These reports are printed in detail elsewhere.

The following new officers were elected:

President—Mary Shepard

Second Vice-President—Blanche Haley

Corresponding Secretary—Walborg Peterson

Directors—Helen Wood

Barbara Williams

Chairman of Quarterly Record—Janette Wood

Miss Williams, at the close of her Annual Report, was given an enthusiastic round of applause and a rising vote of appreciation for her excellent services as President for the past two years.

Another hobby-rider, Dr. Arthur Lyons of the Massachusetts General Hospital Staff, gave an informal and spirited talk on "Book Collecting."

February 23, 1937

Only a small group of forty-one members gathered for the February Alumnae Meeting.

The newly-elected president, Mary Shepard, conducted the meeting and routine business was transacted.

The resignation of Miss Melissa Cook, as Editor of the Quarterly Record was read, and accepted with regret. Much appreciation is due Miss Cook for her untiring efforts in behalf of the "Quarterly." She has been Editor-in-Chief since 1932.

After a very short business meeting, the meeting was turned over to Miss Marion Stevens, Chairman of the Entertainment Committee. As usual, a most interesting program had been planned and Miss

Stevens took the group to the Phillips House Cafeteria, where Mr. Hans Haselwander, the Chef, demonstrated the preparation of "fancy dishes." It was a "soup to nuts" menu, and everyone present thoroughly enjoyed an interesting and entertaining evening, especially the ladies who indulged in "Crepe Suzettes." We are glad to send out hearty thanks to Mr. Haselwander for divulging so many of his culinary secrets.

H. G. BLAISDELL.

Our Alumnae in New York

Impetus was given to the activities of the New York Alumnae of the M. G. H. Training School after the November meeting by a letter sent out to all members whose addresses were available. We have added to our list considerably through the cooperation of the Quarterly Staff and individuals who have sent in many names.

The letter which follows has brought good results. Contributions well over one dollar have been made by some. We hope to have a substantial fund with which to work.

January 15, 1937.

Dear M. G. H. Alumna:

This letter is not going to begin, "Brother, can you spare a dime?" Nothing so modest. The Alumnae needs a dollar from everybody in sight as a starter—but it needs something beside the dollar unless it is to become a large lump of imagination, completely surrounded by inertia.

Look—nursing is our life's work, our chosen profession. Our school is one of the finest in the country with a standing, and an *international* reputation surpassed by nobody! And yet we lag far behind other hospitals in our Alumnae activities.

Why?

A good Alumnae organization means benefits to individual members, power and prestige in the community, respect and attention from the profession in general. Why shouldn't we have all this? Other hospitals have it.

Younger hospitals, rising in the profession with the benefit of *our* experience, have formed Alumnae organizations which have terrific drive. They make valuable contacts for their members. They look after their sick with attentions, their needy with money or jobs. They

arrange luncheon conferences with groups of doctors for the purpose of exchanging viewpoints on matters of common interest—conferences which increase goodwill and understanding between doctors and nurses. The committees of these Alumnae leap into action on bills and laws affecting the nursing profession. They are, in fact, everywhere, doing everything, and getting a great deal out of it.

And where are we?

We are SITTING!

A meeting of the M. G. H. Alumnae depends upon the chance interest of some graduate who is in a mood to get the group together. A few of us come. No one ever inquires who sends out the cards or pays the postage on them. No one ever wonders who pays for the telephone calls. Actually, the nurse arranging the meeting pays the expenses out of her own pocket.

What happens at our meetings?

We SIT. We relax. We listen to accounts of the stimulating experiences of a well-known graduate . . . We go home again. Yet there is literally not one among us who has not had equally interesting and valuable experiences which would be of benefit to the rest. Why don't we get up on our feet and talk? Why can't we have a strong organization which is awake and on the jump?

Surely something can be done about this. We could begin by putting some life into the New York group. There are over one hundred M. G. H. graduates in and around New York. One dollar, annually, from each member, would be sufficient to take care of all ordinary expenses of meetings, and for reasonable emergencies as well. It would be a beginning, at least.

For your general information, the officers elected at our last casual meeting are as follows:

Chairman, Helen Giles

Secretary, Sylvia Perkins

Treasurer, Mabel Chalmers Comins

Checks or money orders for that dollar should be made payable to Mrs. William Comins, 967 Madison Avenue, New York City.

And *will* you come to the next meeting? We will let you know when it is to be. And *will* you help us wake up our own Alumnae?

Sincerely yours,

HELEN M. GILES.

The enthusiasm and interest shown in our reunion dinner prove that all it takes is one request to get the MGH'ers in any city started.

(Note: If such activities are taking place other than Boston and New York, will you exchange ideas with us?)

We must admit we had the best trump to play for Miss Johnson's annual visit always brings us together.

This year chiefly because we made reservations for forty (42 came), the Cafe Rouge of the Hotel Pennsylvania was chosen for the dinner. The arrangements were very satisfactory. There were two long tables sufficiently apart from any other diners so that the party was ours. Miss Johnson, of course, had the place of honor but other than this there were no special seating arrangements. Friends had discovered each other and arranged to sit together long before that.

During dinner each Alumna was asked to enter her name in a record book. Here is the list of those present as they were entered:

Dorothy Moody Brown	Ella E. Havens
Mae Roger Bates	Dorothy Bargh Howe
E. Bull	Laura Caswell Hume
Ruth R. Bergamini	Marie E. Hanscom
Ruth Chew Blair	Florence B. Illidge
Helen Dore Boylston	Marion Barry Jennings
Dorcas Bennett	Minnie M. Johnson
Hilda Bartels	Dr. Gladys C. Lawrence
Janice Evans Burak	Estelle C. LeMaitre
Catherine R. Cain	Margaret Matheson
Mabel Chalmers Comins	R. Louise McManus
Adaline Chase	Ruth M. Olson
Helen B. Clark	Sylvia Perkins
Claire H. Favreau	Virginia McLoon Palzer
Mary L. Flett	May L. Ryan
Virginia Leussler Fortier	Helen L. Walsh
Hazel R. Gammon	Mary Clark Whelton
Mrs. W. D. Goodwin	Alice M. White
Helen M. Giles	Olive Leussler Walsh
Pauline Griffin Bauldry	

A meeting room on the mezzanine was reserved for us so that Miss Johnson might read us the report, show us hospital building plans, and answer the questions of a graduate group interested in the future and the progress of its school. Miss Johnson anticipated many of our questions and sustained our belief that the MGH is not only capable but zealous in its efforts to keep its place in the sun among progressive educational schools for nurses.

That we know better than to rest on our laurels was evidenced by the immediate response to one alumna's challenge. The feeling which we brought away with us is that we shall never let it be said that an unorganized, self-satisfied Alumnae was too quiescent to support those at home whose every effort is for all in progress that is worthwhile.

Before dispersing, everyone visited with everyone else. We had a chance to hear Helen Dore Boylston answer some questions about her book "Sue Barton, Student Nurse." Many people who could not be with us sent messages and were asked about. We had much first hand information about doings at the General before we left.

The future plans of the New York Group consist first of an April meeting. This time plans will be made to have a program committee function in carrying out the suggestions of the group. There are innumerable possibilities in a center like New York. Where does your greatest interest lie? Send a list of your ideas to Helen Giles before the April meeting. We will let you know the exact date. Now don't try to tell us you haven't an idea!

SYLVIA PERKINS,
Secretary.

Our Alumnae in Connecticut

On February 9th, Helen Wood spoke at one of the sessions of the annual meeting of the Connecticut State Nurses Association held this year in Bridgeport. That evening twenty-one Massachusetts General Hospital graduates met for dinner and a delightful reunion. The classes represented ranged from 1906 to 1936. There were private duty nurses and public health nurses, hospital and training school executives, and a goodly number of married nurses playing the role of the private citizen but always ready to be on hand where nurses get-together, especially if the call comes for an M. G. H. gathering.

Attention—Class of 1932

Mrs. Balboni has asked that we participate in the Endowment Fund drive, by earning at least fifty dollars before September. Let's plan for a get-together at 33 Summit Avenue, Brookline, during the week of April 26th. Notices will go out later. We have been graduated five years, and it is time for us to have a reunion.

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In Memoriam

Miss Marie Cunningham, a graduate of the 1908 class, passed on, February 7th, in Hotel Gralyn, where for several years she has made a home for herself and her mother. Until she retired from private duty nursing a few years ago, she was one of the most popular nurses in the field.

Miss Cunningham will always be held in fond remembrance by her patients who invariably loved her, and by a host of friends. No one who knew her could withhold admiration and respect for her lovely personality and unselfish devotion to her ideals of service to God and man. Of a deeply spiritual consciousness she held fast to her unquestioning faith in God and took as her guide in all that she did, the teachings of Christ Jesus.

Her courage, her cheerfulness and her loving thought for others were unailing, even in times of darkest trial.

We extend our warmest sympathy to her family, particularly to her mother who was her constant companion.

We are grateful for having known Miss Cunningham and for the faith that, as she often declared, "There is no death."

Nancy Meredith Clark (1893) at her late residence, 22 Park Place, St. Catharines, Ontario, Canada, on Sunday, January 24, 1937. Miss Clark followed her profession in the United States for many years and became an associate member of the Alumnae after retiring.

It is with deep sympathy for Mrs. Lootz that we record the death of Mr. Alf C. Lootz on February 21st, after a brief illness. The funeral service was held at Forest Hills cemetery, with Bishop Sherrill officiating.

Mr. Lootz was born in Boston, sixty-six years ago; his father was the Norwegian consul here for many years. In 1896, Mr. Lootz graduated from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. He was the engineer in charge of the construction of the National Shawmut Bank, the John Hancock Building and the drydock at the Charlestown Navy Yard. Since 1922, he had been superintendent of works at the hospital. During this period, he directed the fire-proofing work in the Bulfinch; he had also built the connecting building between the hospital and the Eye and Ear Infirmary.

He is survived by his widow, Mrs. Ada M. Lootz, a son Alf C. Lootz, Jr. of Kingston and a sister, Dr. Emma Lootz Irving of Hartford.

In Memoriam

Dr. Robert Battey Greenough in Boston, February 16th, 1937,
in his 65th year.

Dr. Robert B. Greenough

If one were to list the three men in America who in the last thirty years have contributed most to the successful treatment of cancer, the name of Robert B. Greenough would almost certainly be among them. For the late Dr. Greenough was very much more than a skilful surgeon, eminent as he was in that exacting vocation. He had the scientific mind and a dynamic talent for organization. He was one of the first students of cancer to comprehend the need for special hospitals for the treatment of malignant diseases, with special medical staffs and special equipment. From this conception evolved his important pioneering work at the Collis P. Huntington Memorial and the Harvard cancer commission. The impetus of his accomplishments there has influenced research on cancer throughout the world.

Besides advancing knowledge in this obscure field of medicine, Dr. Greenough labored determinedly for the maintenance of the highest ethical standards in his profession. During his presidencies of the Massachusetts Medical Society and the American College of Surgeons, he consistently forwarded this view by precept and example. A man of strong ideals and forthright expression, he almost invariably dominated any meeting of medical men. In a changing world, he was at once progressive in the scientific field and steadfast in those principles which affect the life, integrity and happiness of human beings.

As one of Dr. Greenough's friends in Boston wrote yesterday on hearing of his death: "Under a cloak of almost impenetrable modesty, he ranked among the truly great of his community."

(Boston Herald.)

STUDENTS' PAGE

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LAMPADA, the Senior Year Book was published on February fifth. It is a sixty-four page booklet, dedicated to Miss Johnson and contains pictures of the staff, head nurses, graduating class and many old and new views of the hospital. The written material consists of, Class Will, Class Prophecy, A Sketch of the Training School, 1934-1937, and a description of the Student Government activities.

Miss Margaret Mahoney, the Editor-in-Chief, and her assistants deserve considerable praise in publishing such a creditable book, for it has been no small task to raise money and gather material for a publication as good as this one.

On January 29th the Senior Class, with Miss Charlotte Fyhr as chairman, held their senior ball in the form of a supper dance in the Sheraton Room of the Copley Plaza Hotel. The sixty-four couples that attended considered this the very finest climax to their Senior Week activities. Patrons for the dance were: Miss Sally Johnson, Miss Olive Roberts, Miss Ruth Sinclair and Dr. A. G. Engelbach.

In February a group of students started a Book Club. Meetings are held one night each week in the Warren Library. Discussions of books, plays and current events by the members make up a very interesting program.

Thirty-five students are attending a class in social dancing held one night each week in the Wolcott House living room and taught by a student from Sargent College. The beginners have mastered the fundamentals of ball room dancing and now many more have joined the class to learn some of the more intricate modern dance steps.

The February class with 41 members entered the School on February second. The Ladies' Training School Committee was the hostess at a very lovely Tea given on that afternoon.

The new students were given a party on the evening of February

fifth by their Big Sisters. Games and dancing were enjoyed by the group.

Miss Roberts has made several trips with the new students to show them some of the points of interest in the city. These trips have included Peabody Museum at Harvard. The Museum of Fine Arts, Public Library, The Christian Science Monitor Building and a tour through historical sections of Boston.

The class of 1939 gave a very attractive St. Patrick's dance on March 5th. There were forty couples present to enjoy a very good time and the class realized more profit than was expected.

This is the first attempt of this class to raise money for their June Ball.

National League of Nursing Education Coming to Boston

Boston is entertaining the National League of Nursing Education for its annual meetings this year, from May 10 to 14, inclusive. This is a fine opportunity for all of us to attend a national meeting, and we hope that all our Alumnae members will take advantage of it. Miss Sleeper is chairman of the program committee, and is arranging for lectures and discussions on topics of present importance to nursing education, such as the curriculum, national accreditation of nursing schools, methods of instruction, and the influence of medical research upon nursing and nursing education. A Pops concert is planned for Thursday evening, May 13. There will be a memorial service for Miss Riddle, sponsored by the Massachusetts State Nurses Association. The New England Division of the American Nurses Association is also planning a fine program for its annual session, to be held during the same week. Some of the meetings will be held jointly with the League. There will be a banquet and a students' night.

Mary Shepard is chairman of the arrangements committee, Barbara Williams is chairman of the sub-committee on hospitality and entertainment, Kathleen Atto is chairman of the sub-committee on luncheons and dinners, Walborg Peterson is chairman of program monitors, and several other Alumnae members are working on various committees.

Watch the *American Journal of Nursing* for the complete programs, and be sure to reserve the second week in May for these meetings. They will be held at the Hotel Statler.

Notice

If anyone has available any of the following copies of the INTERNATIONAL NURSING REVIEW which she would be willing to give or to sell to the School, will she please contact Miss Florence Kempf, Supervisor of Science and Clinical Instruction. The copies needed are as follows:

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The Johns Hopkins Nurses' Alumnae Magazine.

Mount Sinai Alumnae News.

The Alumnae Journal—Peter Bent Brigham Hospital.

St. Luke's Alumnae Bulletin.

The A. N. A. Bulletin

The Quarterly Magazine of the Alumnae Association, Presbyterian Hospital School of Nursing, New York.

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Where to Write

1. Send letters for publication of marriages, births, engagements, news, queries as to addresses, etc., to Melissa J. Cook, Melrose Hospital, Melrose, Mass.
 2. Change of address to, Walborg L. Peterson, Massachusetts General Hospital, Boston, Massachusetts.
 3. Annual dues with change of address to, Annie C. Carstensen, Massachusetts General Hospital, Boston, Massachusetts.
 4. Send obituary notices to, Elizabeth Hatlow, 1111 Boylston Street, Boston, Massachusetts.
 5. Send Sick Relief dues to, Elizabeth Hatlow, 1111 Boylston Street, Boston, Massachusetts.
 6. Send donations for the Endowment Fund to, Miss Sally Johnson, Mass. Gen. Hosp., Boston, Mass.
 7. For the Loan Fund to, Miss Katherine Pierce, Massachusetts General Hospital.
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News

Helen Wagner (1935) is in charge nights, of the baby floor of the Pediatric Department of the Bellevue Hospital, New York City.

Mary Driscoll (1934) started work on February 1st, with the Hartford V. N. A.

Josephine Thurlow (1909) has resigned as Superintendent of the Cambridge Hospital. In recognition of her nineteen years of service, she has been named a member of the hospital corporation and granted a retirement annuity. She was succeeded on March 1st, by Dr. Frederic A. Washburn, whose assistant is Dr. Albert G. Englebach, former Assistant Director of the Out-Patient Department at the Massachusetts General Hospital.

Among the recent visitors at the hospital was Mrs. W. Collier Estes, (Simie Leppala 1921). Her home has been in Paris, France, for several years.

Veda E. Lohnes (1928) is relieving as Supervisor of the medical wards at the Massachusetts General Hospital.

Katherine Prentiss (1921) resigned her position at the Emergency Hospital, Washington, D. C. in September, to drive with her mother and brother across the country, visiting several parks en route. She then sailed with them from San Francisco for Honolulu, where she is now doing private duty nursing. She writes enthusiastically about the island, and has met several of the other Massachusetts General Hospital nurses there. Her brother, Dr. Roger Prentiss, is stationed at Schofield Barracks for four years.

Jessie Clark (1910) who has been on the Staff of the Baker Memorial for six months, has returned to her home at Gore Bay, Ontario.

Thelma G. Inglis (1936) is Assistant Superintendent of Nurses at the Boston Nursery for Blind Babies.

Classmates of Virginia McLoon Palzer (1923) will be interested in knowing about her twin sons, now nearly a year old. Mrs. Palzer attended the Massachusetts General Hospital Alumnae dinner in New York.

Mrs. Raymond Wood (Helen A. Parks 1910) of Downers Grove, Illinois, was visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Alexander Parks in Lexington, Massachusetts, and visited with classmates at the Hospital, in February. Kathleen Parks (1917) makes her home with Mrs. Wood.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Jones (Edna Harrison 1910) sailed from Boston, February 27th, on a six weeks cruise to Bermuda and the West Indies.

Alvira B. Stevens (1909) Director's Assistant in charge of the Phillips House, sailed from New York, March 6th, for a vacation in Bermuda.

Elizabeth I. Hanson (1915) has accepted the position of Administrative Housekeeper at the Boston State Hospital, Mattapan, Massachusetts. Miss Josephine Thurlow is Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the Boston State Hospital, appointed by the Governor. Miss Thurlow will assume her new duties on April 15th.

Many graduates of the Massachusetts General Hospital who are Superintendents of various Hospitals throughout the New England States, recently attended the New England Hospital Association meetings, held at the Hotel Statler February 24 to 27th, 1937: Jessie Grant (1906), Frances P. West (1906), Amy Birge (1909), Helen Nivison (1913), Miriam Curtis (1918), Nellie G. Sharpe (1912), Alice B. Coe (1907), Emma Mortimer (1904), Violet L. Kirke (1905), Melissa J. Cook (1912).

Hazel Halladay (1930) resigned as Head Nurse of the Male Ward at the Massachusetts Eye and Ear Infirmary, January 1, 1937, to do Private Nursing. Bertha Coskie (1934) succeeds Miss Halliday.

Gladys Lawrence (1916) has recently received her Ph.D. in Education at N. Y. University where she also received her other academic degrees.

Mabel Murray (1900) is at present a patient at the Peter Bent Brigham Hospital, Boston, following a serious automobile accident.

Elizabeth Pumphrey (1918) and her mother are spending the Winter in St. Petersburg, Florida.

Mr. and Mrs. William D. Curtis (M. Jeannette Fisher, 1929) are living in Providence, Rhode Island.

The following paragraph quoted from The Boston Herald shows that we are progressing with plans for the construction of the George White Building:

"The Massachusetts General Hospital announced its intention yesterday of proceeding with plans for a 15-story surgical wing to replace the surgical and X-ray buildings in the center of its present hospital plant, after the zoning commission had waived the 100 foot limit on West End buildings."

After a four months visit in the United States, Nelle M. Selby (1915) will sail on the "Queen Mary" March 24, 1937, to her home in Neuilly, France.

Friends of Mrs. George L. Miller (Mary Jane Glass 1912) will be interested to know that her son Ronald Lester Miller, is to represent the Fredericton High School of New Brunswick, Canada, at the Coronation of their Majesties' King George VI and Queen Elizabeth.

The following members of the February, 1937 Class, are located as follows:

Phillips House—Floor Duty:

Charlotte King, Esther Greiner, Beatrice Perin, Janet Wheeler.

Baker Memorial—Floor Duty:

Ethel McCullough, Florence Korpela, Josephine Eccles, Rita Gibbons.

General Hospital—Floor Duty:

Lois Gladding, Marion Howland, Agnes Malone, Catherine Leonard, Ruth Pierce, Veronica Uzdavinish, Eleanor Thompson, Laurianne Beaudette, Dorothy Magoon.

McLean Hospital—Floor Duty:

Caroline Schultz.

Robert Breck Brigham:

Susan Robins.

Engagements

Fiske-Mooney. Eleanor S. Fiske to David A. Mooney of Fall River.

Paton-Welch. Phyllis H. Paton to Dr. Claude E. Welch of Boston.

Marriages

Walker-Sweeney. Virginia Walker (1936) to Thomas J. Sweeney on January 29, 1937, at Stoughton, Massachusetts. After a fourteen days West Indies cruise, Mr. and Mrs. Sweeney returned to 101 Revere Street, Boston, Massachusetts.

Ross-Smith. Mora Madeline Ross (1931) to Lieutenant Reynolds C. Smith, at Villefranche-sur-Mer, France, on February 2, 1937.

Bursaw-Allen. Mary Bursaw (1932) to Mr. William Allen on September 5, 1936, in Brockton, Massachusetts. Mr. and Mrs. Allen reside at 440 East 16th Street, New York, New York.

Dahlborg-Abrahamson. Hazel L. Dahlborg to Mr. Warren A. Abrahamson on November 1, 1936, in Brockton, Massachusetts. Mr. and Mrs. Abrahamson will reside at 7420 Ridge Boulevard, Brooklyn, New York.

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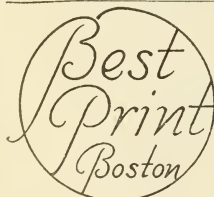
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Another Development in the Training School for Nurses

Graduates of the Massachusetts General Hospital Training School for Nurses who have satisfactorily completed in an approved college a two-year academic program acceptable to Simmons College may in one year at Simmons College complete the requirement for a Bachelor of Science degree. Such nurses must also obtain the recommendation of the Principal of the Training School. In certain cases the year may be spent in special preparation for head nursing or for public health nursing.

A student who plans to complete the work for a degree at Simmons College should, wherever possible, confer with the College when planning her first two years of college work in order to know whether it may later be acceptable to Simmons College for transfer.

The National League of Nursing Education Holds Its Forty-Third Annual Convention in Boston

We hope that many of our Alumnae availed themselves of the opportunity of attending the forty-third annual convention of the National League of Nursing Education, which was held at the Hotel Statler, Boston, during the week of May 10-14. The total enrollment exceeded nine hundred. There were many reunions with old friends. It was especially pleasant to welcome our own Miss Hawkinson, who many of us remember from the science courses of our preliminary days, who came back to Boston this year as president of the National League. Miss Hawkinson has gone far in nursing education, and we are proud to have "owned" her during the earlier years of her career.

The opening meeting on Monday evening was a joint session with the New England Division of the American Nurses' Association. Senior students from the nursing schools of the state were invited, and helped to fill Tremont Temple almost to its capacity. Miss Dieter's address of welcome deserves first mention for the program, for it was a splendid one. The M. G. H. School Glee Club filled the choir loft, and its several selections were very well done. George E. Vincent, Ph.D., former President of the Rockefeller Foundation, was the main speaker; his subject was "Nursing and the Health of the Nation," and his bits of humor kept the audience alert to his topic.

President Beatley of Simmons College, Dr. Rushmore from the Massachusetts State Board of Nurse Examiners, and Miss Faye Crabbe, Principal of the Newton Hospital School of Nursing, gave interesting papers on Tuesday afternoon, which identified the position of nursing education in relation to general education, and in relation to other organizations in our modern society.

The Tuesday evening banquet, prepared by the New England Division, was a great success. The ball room was filled and everyone was in holiday mood. Miss Stack, President of the New England Division, acting as toastmistress, delighted the audience by her witty remarks and introductions. The favors were miniature bean-pots, each with a verse on its tag, and each enclosing a strip of Boston views. The monologist and the dancers furnished a most entertaining evening.

On Wednesday afternoon, three round tables were conducted. Miss Hall conducted one for nursing school administrators, which considered the evaluation of credentials for admittance to the nursing schools. Dr. Reginald Fitz spoke of important details of the physical examination, with special stress upon the need for mental and emotional stability. He feels that it is usually unwise to admit

a student with any family history of mental disease. Dr. Harry Leigh Baker, from Simmons College, discussed the use of psychological tests in the choice of students, and gave several helpful suggestions. Discussion from the floor made practical application of the speakers' points.

Miss Lucile Petry, from the University of Minnesota, conducted a round table on ward teaching, which brought much favorable comment. It was felt that much practical help and encouragement came from this discussion.

The third round table was on the seminar method of teaching, and was conducted by Miss Kempf, Supervisor in Sciences and Clinical Subjects at M. G. H. Professor Warren C. Seyfert from the Harvard Graduate School of Education demonstrated very effectively the easy and friendly freedom which should characterize this type of teaching, and clarified many doubts in the minds of the instructors during the question period. This was one of the most successful meetings of the week.

The State Nurses' Association arranged a memorial service for Miss Mary M. Riddle at Trinity Church on Wednesday afternoon, which was attended by a large number. Miss Riddle, who died last November, will be long remembered in Massachusetts and in national groups for her many years of faithful service to nursing. Reverend J. Edgar Park conducted the service for her.

In spite of the fact that Wednesday was national hospital day, which kept many of the nurses busy in the hospitals, the meetings were well attended, especially the general session in the evening, when Miss Mary M. Roberts, Editor of the "American Journal of Nursing," renewed our acquaintance with Miss Nightingale's work as a nurse educator, and when Josephine Roche, Assistant Secretary of the Treasury, told us of the broadening public health program that has been made possible under the Social Security Act.

Thursday morning was devoted to the subject of public health trends and opportunities in nursing education.

A special luncheon meeting arranged for members of nursing school committees was very well attended, and many committee members participated in the discussion. Mrs. Homans, from the M. G. H. Committee, read a paper, and conducted a round table for the same group following the luncheon meeting. The response from lay members was gratifying, but indicated a need to clarify the thought of many on the real purpose of a nursing school committee. Interest in continuing this type of meeting was registered by the whole group.

Nurse educators everywhere are still very vitally interested in the completion of the new curriculum for nursing schools, which is now called the "Study Guide," and many were on hand to hear Miss

Stewart's latest news of its progress. It was a great disappointment that it could not be finished for display and for sale during the meetings, but it is promised within a very few weeks, and many were ordered for distribution when it comes from the press. Miss Johnson and three other nursing school principals discussed the problems that arise in adapting this proposed curriculum to individual schools. As usual, Miss Johnson gave many helpful suggestions. The audience was particularly interested in the figures that she and Miss Sleeper had gathered to show the increased cost to the school to use the complete program as suggested.

The State League reserved six hundred seats at the Pops for the one free evening of the week, to be sure that our guests didn't get away from Boston without visiting at least one typical Bostonian institution. The satisfaction of having introduced them to a bit of Boston tradition is ample payment for Marion Stevens who made the arrangements.

The Friday morning program on the teaching unit was extremely helpful to instructors. Howard E. Wilson, Ph.D., Professor of Education at Harvard University, was an inspiring speaker, and through his question period led the group to a discussion of very practical teaching situations.

Dr. Joslin and Dr. Minot addressed the Friday afternoon meeting, contributing from their nationally-known experience in the medical field.

It was a strenuous week, indeed, and a very profitable one, with tea in the Cafe Rouge for a few last-enders as a grand finale.

Readers of the *QUARTERLY* will be interested to know that many others of their fellow-Alumnae were very busy participants in the week's activities. Miss Sleeper has spent many an hour since last September in preparing the program; much of the credit for the excellent material presented goes to her. Miss Barbara Williams, as chairman of the Hospitality Committee, organized and engineered a program of entertainment for guests during the entire week. She planned trips to hospitals. The booklet, "A Wanderer's Guide to Boston," given to every registrant, was the work of her committee, and she was personally responsible for much of the work that went into its preparation. Miss Kathleen Atto was chairman of the committee for luncheons and dinners. There was a Teachers College dinner, an M. G. H. breakfast, the Lay Luncheon, and there were several other special meals that she planned and carried through with precision and efficiency. Miss Walborg Peterson was chairman of the monitors. She organized and directed a corps of at least twenty people who did monitor service in all of the meetings. Miss Erna Kuhn was chairman of the registration committee.

We all take Miss Lee so much for granted that we sometimes neglect to give her proper credit for being the quiet force behind, who thinks of all the things that the rest of us have forgotten. She kept a watchful eye over the whole procedure, and filled in many a gap. And, of course, Miss Dieter, President of the Massachusetts League of Nursing Education, did not confine herself to her part in the actual programs. She kept in close touch with all preparations and proceedings. Many others of our Alumnae served on committees, too. In fact, we may take just pride in the work of M. G. H. nurses during the convention.

But we wish that we might extend League membership to more of you. The League is doing a great work. There is much more to be done for nursing education, and the League needs the support of every Alumna of our school who is interested in raising standards and in promoting educational progress. Read the convention papers as they appear in the "American Journal of Nursing" and in the annual League reports. Get acquainted with the needs and the problems of nursing education, and register your support by joining the Massachusetts League of Nursing Education, which will automatically give you membership in the National League. You should be a part of this splendid work.

Teachers College Dinner

A special dinner, arranged for alumnae and former students of the Nursing Education Department of Teachers College, Columbia University, was held at the Women's Republican Club on Wednesday evening, May 12. It was lots of fun renewing acquaintances of other years, and the large attendance demonstrated the tremendous growth of the Department during its rather short history. Miss Burgess and Miss Stewart told the gathering of the present work at the College, and of the need for establishing a clearer position for nursing education in relation to the other departments of the College. Miss Stewart referred to the study made last year to determine the extent of the field for health teaching in connection with the infirmaries in colleges throughout the country. There is some thought that a special course may be arranged for the preparation of nurses for positions in this field. Nursing education is still feeling its way toward a definite position in the educational world. General education seems ready to receive it, but the nursing leaders themselves must make up their minds just what they want and need. It is a difficult and critical period, a challenging time for everyone concerned with nursing education.

Inquiry was made for Miss Nutting, and, at Miss Johnson's

suggestion, the group sent greetings to her through Miss Burgess and Miss Stewart. Miss Nutting retains her vital interest in nursing, and is still a constant inspiration to those who see her.

M. G. H. Breakfast

During the League Convention in Boston, Alumnae of the School gathered for breakfast on Friday, May 14, at the Pioneer Club. Miss Johnson was master of ceremonies, and Miss McCrae presided at the opposite end of the long table. Everyone was interested in learning about the "recent developments" at the Hospital. Anna M. Taylor (1928) Medical Supervisor, gave a most enlightening outline of her Ward teaching program. This applies to both student nurses and the head nurses and is encouraging and inspiring for greater development. Ruth Sleeper (1922), Miss Johnson's assistant, told in full the plans for the new George White Building, and details of the necessary changes which have to be made before the foundation is laid. Pictures of the proposed building were shown. Marion Stevens (1923) Pediatric Supervisor and Chairman of the Program Committee of the Alumnae Association, told of the activities during the past year to build up our Endowment Fund, the goal being Two Million Dollars. Miss Johnson closed the breakfast with a most interesting talk on the Educational program at the M. G. H., their connection with Simmons College School of Nursing, and of the various gifts that the Hospital has received within the past year. One bequest was from Mrs. A. Lawrence Hopkins for a Children's Building, and another from Mary Bartlett Noyes, subject to a life interest, for the building of a residence for nurses.

The following members were present: Sally Johnson, Annabella McCrae, Ethel Inglis, Irma Reeve, Helene G. Lee, Agnes V. Murphy, Frances C. Daily, Gertrude M. Gates, Marguerite Vichules Bourgeois, Catherine Leonard, Mildred Cartland, A. Ethel Brooks, Miriam Curtis, Edna S. Lepper, Anna M. Taylor, Elsie E. Floyd, Marion Stevens, Janette Wood, E. Jacqueline Davis, Mary Grammont, Rachel Blodgett, Helen Hewitt, Harriet McCollum, Barbara Williams, Margaret S. Belyer, Anna Kules, Margaret Meenan, Helen Forrant, Phyllis Rivard Gall, Dorothy Jones Kranes, Dorothea Bailey, Cordelia W. King, Sadie B. Convelski, Margaret Nelson, Dorothy M. Tarbox, Hazel R. Gammon, Anna Shaheen, Margaret Reilly, Rose E. Griffin, Marian C. Maxwell, Sylvia Abbott, Olive J. Champlin, Isabelle M. Lumsden, Ruth Sleeper, Martha Ruth Smith, Elizabeth E. Sullivan, Margaret Dieter, Adelaide A. Mayo, Sylvia Perkins, S. Daphne Corbett, Elinor Lee Beebe, Evadine Cady, Marion Gile Kent.

Breakfast adjourned at 10 o'clock.

THE ALUMNAE

March

The Alumnae Association held its regular meeting in the upper Out-Patient Department Amphitheatre. Miss Kathleen Atto, first Vice-President presided, in the absence of the President.

The Treasurer reported 1049 paid up members for 1937.

Four were accepted as new members of the Alumni Association: *Active Membership*—Margaret Ahern (1936), Marjorie Goldthwait (1936). *Non-resident Membership*—Mrs. Lucienne Dorion Martin (1935), 312 West Fifth Avenue, Roselle, New Jersey; Mrs. Mildred Hoffman Morris (1935), 101 Furman Avenue, Ashville, North Carolina.

After the routine business, a roll call of Classes was taken, showing 109 members and 17 guests present. This was very gratifying to our able Program Chairman, Marion Stevens.

Miss Stevens presented Miss Ruth Harrington, Assistant Practical Instructor; Miss Edna S. Lepper, Supervisor of the lower Surgical Wards, and Miss Sadie Convelski, Supervisor of the upper Surgical Wards, who demonstrated procedures showing "Trends in Nursing Technique." Intravenous Therapy, Miss Harrington; Tidal Drainage, Miss Lepper; Wangenstein Suction, Miss Convelski.

Tidal Drainage of the Urinary Bladder

Among the newer types of mechanical equipment used in medicine with which the nurse should be familiar, is the apparatus used for tidal drainage of the urinary bladder.

This apparatus which can be constructed very inexpensively works on the principle of suction and gravity flow, and acts in an automatic manner.

We have used it in the Massachusetts General Hospital for the relief of distention and irrigation of bladders in which the nervous control of the musculature has been altered by some form of injury, notably fracture of the cervical vertebrae, and for the irrigation of bladders infected by an organism such as *Bacillus Proteus*. The advantage of tidal drainage over constant drainage as we usually use it, lies in the two factors that irrigation is constant, and more important, that the bladder fills to an optimum pres-

sure and then is emptied in a period taking no longer than one or two minutes, thus approaching normal micturition and preventing atrophy of bladder muscles.

Although, at first, the apparatus may seem complicated in both construction and in its functioning, a few moments concentration will help one to understand it. It consists of a container for the irrigating fluid, which may be a Kelly bottle or a percolator, to which is attached a thirteen inch piece of rubber tubing having a drip bulb at the other end; a screw clamp controls the rate of flow through the drip bulb. The other end of the drip bulb is attached by rubber tubing sixteen inches long to a glass T-tube of an internal diameter of 4 mm. Another piece of rubber tubing six inches long is attached to the lower end of the T-tube and leads into a one-half pint glass jar, or reservoir, through one hole of a two-hole rubber cork by means of a glass tube long enough to reach almost to the bottom of the jar; the end of the glass tubing is fused at the end to a diameter of 2 mm. or less. Through the other hole of the rubber cork is inserted a similar piece of glass tubing which, however, reaches only to the bottom of the cork and is not decreased in size at either end. A piece of rubber tubing seven inches long is attached to the other end of the glass tubing and is in turn attached to a glass air vent twenty-seven inches long with an internal diameter of 7 mm. The third end of the first T-tube is connected by a short piece of rubber tubing, two and a half inches, to a second T-tube placed at right angles to the first. From the arm which corresponds to the downward stroke of the T a piece of rubber tubing is led upward to a predetermined distance and then downward to a drainage bottle; this is the siphon tube. The remaining arm of the T-tube is connected by means of sufficient rubber tubing to a catheter.

The apparatus with the exception of the drainage bottle is sterilized before use. The doctor sets up the apparatus using either an irrigating pole or the post at the head of the bed to support it. A mark is placed on the post corresponding to the level of the pubis and the percolator clamped to the bed at a height which will allow the T-tube to be eight inches below the level of the pubis. The distance between the bottom of the percolator and the rubber cork of the reservoir will be about thirty-nine and a half inches. The reservoir is strapped to the bed by means of adhesive strips; the air vent is also fastened in the same way. The siphon tube is fixed at an appropriate level. The height of the curve of the siphon tube above the level of the pubis will be the level of intravesical pressure at which the bladder will be emptied. Usually the intravesical pressure is regulated to about 30 cm. of water, although it may be as high as 80 cm. The catheter is next connected and the screw clamp released to allow the fluid to drop through at the rate of forty to

sixty drops a minute. The apparatus must be free from kinks and must be air tight at all joints in order to work properly.

The irrigating fluid which may be boric acid, potassium permanganate or any other commonly used for bladder irrigations, flows from the container through the drip bulb at the rate prescribed by the doctor and eventually fills the half pint jar reservoir. After the reservoir is filled, the fluid must go into the bladder, although it rises in the air vent and the upward arm of the siphon tube at the same time to a height corresponding to the intravesical pressure which has been predetermined by the adjustment of the siphon tube. When the fluid in the siphon tube has reached the apex of the curve, the addition of more fluid causes the fluid in the siphon tube to spill over and flow down the descending arm; this action starts the siphonage of fluid from the bladder and reservoir. Because at its lower end the long glass tube in the reservoir is half or less than half the diameter of the tube leading from the bladder, the reservoir empties only half as fast, thus insuring evacuation of the bladder before interruption of the siphon. The siphon is continued as long as there is fluid in the air vent to seal it. When the reservoir is empty, the fluid in the air vent flows into the reservoir, air rushes in and the siphon is broken. The cycle which has taken from two to three hours is now complete and starts over again. Should there be any fluid left in the bladder at the time the siphon is broken, it will drain by gravity flow into the reservoir.

After assisting the doctor to set up the apparatus the nurse has several additional responsibilities which require a knowledge of the principles of this treatment.

1. The rate of flow through the drip bulb must be noted and regulated according to the doctor's orders.

2. The amount of irrigating fluid is noted together with the time, whenever fluid is added to the percolator.

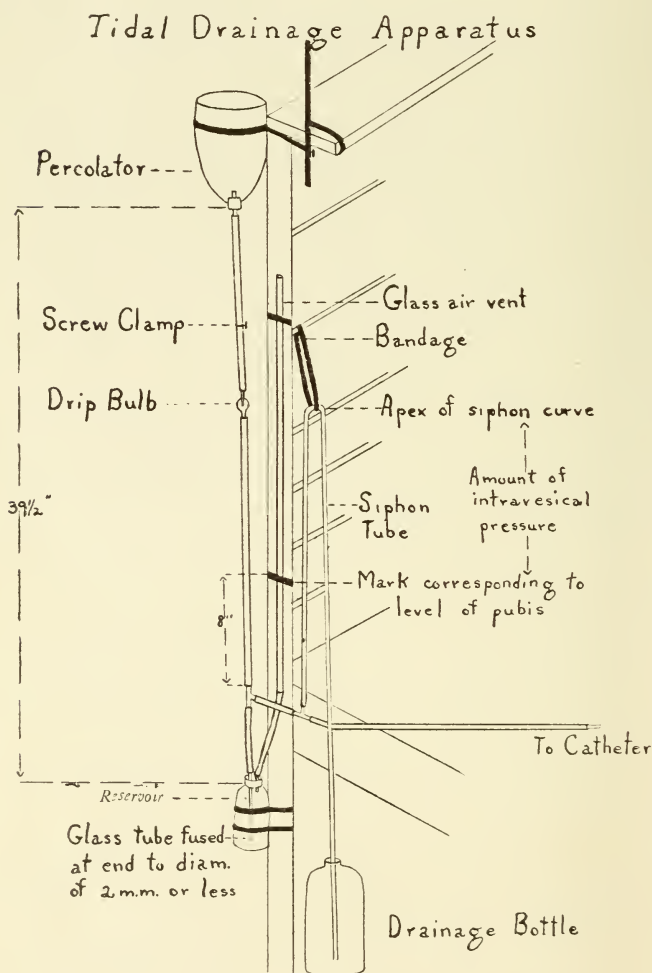
3. The twenty-four hour output is computed by deducting the total amount of irrigating fluid from the amount in the drainage bottle.

4. The apparatus is inspected at intervals to see that there are no leaks, no kinks, that it is clean, and to see that it is in generally good working order.

5. The nurse examines the patient's lower abdomen to determine whether there is any overdistention of the bladder which might be caused by a plugged catheter or by some fault in the apparatus. Overdistention or pain is reported to the doctor.

There is no time limit for the use of this treatment, it is often used for many months without interruption except for the weekly changing and cleansing of the catheter.

In spite of the apparent complicated nature of the apparatus for tidal drainage, we have found no great difficulty in its operation nor have the patients complained of any discomfort so long as it is working perfectly and the amount of intravesical pressure is not too great.



April

The April 27th Alumnae meeting was held in the lower Out-Patient Department Amphitheatre at 8:15 P. M. and although the night was very stormy there was a goodly attendance. Miss Mary E. Shepard presided.

Among the interesting announcements made by Miss Sally Johnson, was the appointment of Miss Katherine E. Faville, B.S., M.S., (1921) as Director of Henry Street and of Miss Mary E. Shepard (1924) as Superintendent of Nurses at the Cambridge Hospital, Mt. Auburn Street, Cambridge, Massachusetts.

Miss Ruth Sleeper discussed the activities of the coming National League of Nursing Education meetings.

Six new members were accepted: *Active membership*—Leonille Marie Rose Dufault (1936), Mary Alice Hurley (1936), Irene Florence Smith (1936); *Non-resident Membership*—Mrs. Evelyn Brown Goldberg (1936), Mrs. Florence Rolls Smith (1922); *Associate Membership*—Mrs. Mary A. Brown Oakes (1934).

After adjournment of the business meeting, Miss Marion Stevens introduced Dr. Richard Schatski, Assistant Roentgenologist at the Massachusetts General Hospital. Dr. Schatski gave a brief history of X-ray and showed interesting pictures in the X-ray treatment of tumors.

Minutes of the April 26, 1937 meeting of the New York Group of the Massachusetts General Hospital Alumnae

A meeting of the New York group of the Massachusetts General Hospital Alumnae was held April 26, 1937 at the Women's National Republican Club, New York City. Miss Helen Giles presided.

The reports of the Secretary and the Treasurer were read and accepted.

Miss Matheson was asked to report on the results of her efforts to contact those in the Metropolitan area. The group realizes that some potential members are not yet being reached, but we are unable to locate them. It was suggested that we should again call the attention of the Quarterly readers to the activities of this group and hope that more addresses would be forthcoming.

The list of addresses which is published by Johns Hopkins

Alumnae was discussed. For the present, the adoption of such a plan was abandoned. Help us keep more up-to-date than such a list would allow us to be by getting in touch with the Chairman and/or the Secretary.

There was a discussion about a constitution for the New York Group. Copies of the Constitution of the parent organization are to be studied and suggestions will then be made based on this study and the consideration of similar forms used by like groups.

Out of the heat and light evolved from this topic came a committee whose function it is to study and make recommendations concerning a constitution. Miss Mathison's motion that the chair appoint this committee was accepted. Mrs. Mary E. Bursaw Allen was appointed Chairman of the committee. Miss Herta Schnepershoff and Mrs. Hazel Dahlberg Abrahamson were chosen by Mrs. Allen to serve with her. "Parliamentary Authority for Women's Clubs" by Emma Fox, is to be used as a reference.

It was moved by Mrs. Jennings and seconded by Miss Mathison that the group invite Miss Parsons and Miss McCrae to a dinner meeting to be held the last of May. This plan met with hearty approval. Plans and places and dates filled the rest of this meeting.

At the dinner meeting, the place at which the group is to meet on Monday, October 4th for its first autumn business meeting will be announced.

It was suggested that notices on the bulletin boards of the large New York hospitals might come to the attention of our Alumnae and it was voted that this plan be followed.

Gratitude was expressed to Mrs. Jennings for arranging for this Club to be used. The meeting was then adjourned.

We were very sorry to hear of Miss McCrae's accident which of course made it impossible for her to come to New York. However, the first Monday in October stands for our first business meeting and at that time plans will be continued so that we may invite Miss Parsons and Miss McCrae to visit us.

Notices of the place at which the first Fall meeting will be held will be sent out in September.

Happy vacations to you all.

Respectfully submitted,

SYLVIA PERKINS, R.N.,

Secretary.

Reunion of Class of 1927

Members of the class of nineteen twenty-seven celebrated their tenth anniversary reunion at a most enjoyable dinner in the Jade Room of the Hotel Vendome on Friday, May seventh.

Guests of the class were Miss Sally Johnson and Miss Martha Ruth Smith. Much regret was expressed that Miss McCrae was unable to be present.

At the close of the dinner Miss Johnson and Miss Smith gave very interesting comments on what's new at M. G. H.

Reunion of Class of 1932

The Class of 1932 celebrated its fifth anniversary with a supper reunion at Mary Merritt Burke's Farm in Quincy on the evening of May 5, 1937. Twenty-eight members of the Class were present. Most of the Class not able to attend the reunion either sent personal messages or were accounted for by some one present.

After a delicious buffet supper, the evening was found none too long for the usual reminiscences.

The reunion, while giving the opportunity for the renewal of old friendships, also was a means for the Class of 1932 to contribute to the Endowment Fund.

Altogether the occasion was a success and a "good time had by all."

The following members were present: Hazel Dahlborg Abramson, Mary Bursaw Allen, Edla Backstrom, Esther Brinkman, Mary Merritt Burke, Helen Oakes Chadbourne, Helen Crocker, Martha Davidson, Jacqueline Davis, Margaret Dervin, Mary Halpin, Ruth Harrington, Anne Orint Hearn, Katherine Holt, Lillian Johnson, Cordelia King, Tynne Lamsa, Elizabeth Lord, Mary Martin, Barbara Maxwell, Florence MacCullum, Dorothy McGlynn, Bessie McLellan, Eleanor O'Brien, Catherine Philbin, Esther Skibo, Marjorie McCracken Vincent, Marjorie Weeks.

A detailed report of funds and activities will be sent out by the Committee August first. Will the members of the class who have not responded to the first letter sent out in April, make an effort to do so before that date. We are very much pleased with the response to date but there are still many from whom we have not heard.

Send gifts and communications and change of address to E. Jacqueline Davis, 1153 Centre Street, Jamaica Plain, Mass.

Massachusetts General Hospital Night at Pops Sponsored by the Nurses' Alumnae Association

On May 25 at Symphony Hall, a great number of the hospital staff enjoyed the second annual M. G. H. night at "pops," sponsored by the Nurses' Alumnae Association. A large painting of the Bulfinch facade at the back of the stage made one feel as if he were sitting in the hospital yard, with the orchestra playing directly in front of the building. A delightful feature of the evening was a group of songs by the student nurses "Glee Club." Dressed in fluffy pastel frocks, the girls looked as lovely as their music sounded.

The orchestra conducted by Arthur Fiedler played the following program:

PROGRAMME

FATHER OF VICTORY, March	<i>Ganne</i>
OVERTURE to "Oberon"	<i>Weber</i>
SILVER SHADOWS, Tango	<i>Repper</i>
DANCE OF THE COMEDIANS, from "The Bartered Bride" ..	<i>Smetana</i>
LARGO from the "New World" Symphony	<i>Dvorák</i>
FANTASIA, "Aïda"	<i>Verdi</i>
SONGS BY THE STUDENT NURSES' GLEE CLUB	
Allah's Holiday	<i>Friml-Riegger</i>
"God of all Nature"	<i>Tchaikovsky</i>
Serenade	<i>Toselli-Trcharne</i>
"M. G. H." Song	
ON THE TRAIL from the "Grand Canyon" Suite	<i>Grofe</i>
COLE PORTER, Hits of 1937	<i>Arranged by Lewis Harris</i>
"Riding High"—"I've Got You Under My Skin"—	
"It's D'Lovely"	
STRIKE UP THE BAND	<i>Gershwin</i>

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The Glee Club with 92 members under the direction of Miss Dorothy Smith, has been busy since February preparing for the two performances this Spring. On May 10th the group sang three numbers at the opening meeting of the National League of Nursing Education held in Tremont Temple. The selections were: "God of All Nature," Tchaikovsky; "Serenade," Toselli-Trehare; "Ma' Curley Headed Babby."

The second performance was M. G. H. night at "Pops" on May 25th.

The class of 1939 held a very attractive dance in Walcott House on Friday, April 23rd. This dance and several sandwich sales, have helped to swell the treasury in preparation for the June Formal expenses.

A committee from the Guild of St. Barnabas gave a Tea for the Preclinical students on April 13th. The chaplain of the Guild made a very interesting address describing the purpose and the work done by the Guild.

A small group of students enjoyed six classes in Choral Reading taught by a student from Emerson College. It proved beneficial for the students in expression and diction.

The election of officers for the Student Nurses' Co-operative Government took place on May 7th. A nominating committee was appointed to nominate candidates for office, after which the students voted for election of the officers.

The following students were elected, their term of office to start immediately: President, Lucille Theroux; Vice-president, Annette Smith; Secretary, Barbara Petersen; Treasurer, Christina Oddy.

The last mass meeting of the student body was held on March 9th in the Out-Patient Department rotunda, with Miss Helena Cousins acting as presiding officer. The secretary's and treasurer's reports were read and approved, after which Miss Mahoney, senior class president, told of the senior activities and their schemes for raising money.

Miss Sleeper described the new building to us. The meeting was brought to a close by the singing of the school song.

In Memoriam

Mary O. Gerry (1883) on April 5, 1937, at York Village, Maine.

Georgia H. Harvell (1885) on April 21, 1937, at the Massachusetts General Hospital.

Jean M. Morton (1887) on April 2, 1937, at Glasgow, Scotland.

Clara I. Karner (1891) on January 19, 1937 at Hillside, New Jersey.

Mary E. Higson (1907) on April 25, 1937, at Providence, Rhode Island.

Engagements

Margaret Robinson (1937) to Mr. George Samuel Bays of Tulsa, Oklahoma. June 1, 1937 is the date set for the wedding.

Lillian Stelfox (1936) to Mr. Ernest William Lucas, Jr., of Newton, Massachusetts. October 14, 1937 is the date set for the wedding.

Marriages

Lois Gammon (1933) to Robert L. Fielding in Brockton on July 14, 1936. Mr. and Mrs. Fielding reside at 23 South Fairview Street, Roslindale, Massachusetts.

Grace Riordan (1933) to Philip Forgey in April 1937. They are to live at 109 Daniels Avenue, Pittsfield, Massachusetts.

Mrs. Helen Rodier Pettibone (1924) to Richard D. Bovington on April 10, 1937, at Cleveland, Ohio.

Claire J. St. Louis (1930) to Jean L. Drapeau in Springfield, Massachusetts, on April 19, 1937. At home at 137 Nonotuck Street, Holyoke, Massachusetts.

Births

To Dr. and Mrs. Rex Smith Campbell (Mildred Alexander 1930) a daughter on April 2, 1937 at Springfield, Illinois.

To Dr. and Mrs. Cornelius Hawes (Abby-Helen Denison, 1924) a daughter, Anne Denison, on April 18, 1937, at the Truesdale Hospital, Fall River, Massachusetts.

To Mr. and Mrs. Chester W. Stanley (Bertha Robinson, 1924) a daughter, Esther LaVerne, on December 20, 1936.

To Mr. and Mrs. Vernon L. Hart (Eleanor Stockwell, 1930) a son on May 12, 1937, at Baker Memorial.

To Dr. and Mrs. Titus S. Lapp (Agnes F. Peltz, 1922) a daughter, Cynthia, on May 18, 1937.

To Mr. and Mrs. C. David Holloway (Eleanor Fitzgerald, 1923) a son, David Gerald, on April 3, 1937.

To Mr. and Mrs. Richard Ernst (Katherine Clark, 1929) a son Richard, Jr., on April 6, 1937.

Sick Relief Association

The Twenty-eighth Annual Meeting of the Sick Relief Association was held in the Wolcott House Classroom on Tuesday, May 11, 1937, at 8 P.M.

It was reported that there were 154 members in good standing. The Treasurer's Report showed a balance of \$17,959.04 and that \$690 had been paid in benefits during the year — 7 full and 7 partial benefits).

The election of officers gave the following results:

Miss A. B. Stevens*President*

Miss Frances C. Daily*Vice-President*

Miss Hilda Blaisdell*Secretary*

Miss Elizabeth Hatlow*Treasurer*

The business meeting adjourned at 9 P.M., when the members retired to the recreation room and enjoyed a social hour and refreshments.

GERTRUDE GATES.

May, 1937.

News

On July 1st, 1937 Miss Carrie M. Hall (1904) will resign after twenty-five years of continuous service as Superintendent of Nurses and Principal of the School of Nursing of the Peter Bent Brigham Hospital. The September issue of the *QUARTERLY* will have a resumé of Miss Hall's professional career.

Esther Greiner (1937) and Kathryn Lovejoy (1936) are to work this summer at Dorcas House, New London, Conn.

Mabel Wheeler, 1914, is now at the Morton Hospital in Taunton, Mass.

Class of 1933. Twenty-three members of the class held a reunion at the College Club in Boston on March 3, 1937.

Katharine E. Faville, B.S., M.S. (1921) has been appointed as director of the Henry Street Visiting Nurse Association, in New York City. She will assume her new duties in the early autumn.

Mary E. Shepard (1924) has been appointed as Director of the School of Nursing at the Cambridge Hospital, Cambridge, Mass., where Dr. Washburn is now superintendent.

Olive Alling (1922) was made Director of Nursing at the Lawrence Memorial and Associated Hospitals on April 1st at New London, Conn.

Miss McCrae recently suffered a Colles Fracture of her right wrist. Alumnae members will be glad to hear that her stay in the Baker Memorial was short and that she is back at the Pioneer Club.

During the recent League of Nursing Education Convention in Boston, May 10-14, there were about 40 people who came to visit the hospital. The "Ether Dome" was usually the first request and other nurses were interested in ward teaching, the Operating Room, the teaching units, maternity department at Baker Memorial. It was interesting to find that these nurses came from the following states:—Virginia, North Carolina, Indiana, Tennessee, Illinois, Connecticut, New Jersey, New York, Kansas, Wisconsin, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Washington, D. C., Missouri. The Alumnae Association sponsored a showing of the film "The Advent of Anesthesia" on Saturday morning. The student nurses had invited other students who were at the convention to a similar showing during the week. It was nice to see old friends at this time and to have news of others who were not here at the convention.

Dr. Ruth Parmelee, who is writing in Greek, a "Textbook for Nurses," sends this news from Athens (March 27, 1937): "Miss Klonari, the first trained nurse of Greece and a graduate of the Massachusetts General Hospital (1899), sent to America by her missionary teacher in Constantinople, is giving office assistance to Miss Willms. Miss Klonari was ill and unable to work for some years, but is now able to work part time and she and we are so happy about it. Her help in discipline cases is so efficient and her personality is such an asset in Miss Willm's work with her staff. When Miss Minnie Goodnow passed through here two months ago, she was happy to meet Miss Klonari, whose photograph she had published in her 'History of Nursing'."

Edith Pithie (1925) has written from California to Miss Peden, about her present interesting activities. Since 1929, she has been a nurse on the staff of the Santa Ana schools. "I have high school mostly, part time Junior College and one Mexican school." She continues, "I paid a visit to my sister in Canada in 1933; went to Mexico in 1934; in 1935 went to Flint, Michigan, picked up a new Chevrolet car after visiting a friend in New York and drove it back (alone) to Los Angeles." She is building herself a five-room house, where by this time she must be comfortably established.

Louise C. May (1920) has returned from Switzerland to be with her sister in Cambridge. She hopes soon to be able to pay us a visit at the hospital. She has been an earnest and interested alumna, although travelling considerably during the past years.

Helen Burgess (1928) has returned from a month's cruise to the British West Indies. Among the many places of interest which she visited were Barbados, Trinidad and Demarara.

The school library is now the proud owner of a new Encyclopedia Brittanica, in 25 volumes. This was made possible through a gift of Margaret W. Stevenson, 1890; she offered to pay \$50.00 towards the set if the Alumnae would complete the amount and this offer was quickly accepted. The books are in the nurses' reference library in the Walcott House.

May we extend our good wishes to Elizabeth A. Flusk (1895) upon her remarkable recovery from the bad accident which had kept her a patient in the hospital for many weeks. We shall look forward to seeing her again at alumnae meetings. There has been an empty space while she has been away.

Alice Haglund (1924) Supervisor of the Delivery Room at Baker Memorial resigned on April 11, to accept a position as office nurse for Dr. Ganz. Twenty-two of Miss Haglund's associates at the Baker were present at dinner in her honor at a Boston hotel, at which time she was presented with a traveling bag. Ethel McCullough (1937) has taken over the position vacated by Miss Haglund.

Elna Harling (1934) and Lucy Farren (1934) have left the Baker floor duty staff to do private duty.

Mr. and Mrs. Finch Haggard (Bertha I. Thompson 1915) of 525 East 78th Street, Seattle, Washington, visited the hospital on May 27. This is her first visit since she graduated.

Margaret A. Matheson (1912) Executive Secretary of the N. Y. Tuberculosis and Health Association (Cardiac Division) recently visited classmates and friends in Boston.

Maude H. Roscoe (1908) sailed from New York, April 30, 1937, on the S.S. American Trader, for England. Miss Roscoe will spend the summer visiting her cousin in Chislehurst, England, and expects to visit France before returning home.

Ermine E. Conza (1920) sailed from Boston, June 5, 1937, on the S.S. Hamberg, with her parents and sister. They will visit Switzerland, Germany, France and Italy before returning home in September.

Annie C. Carstensen (1905) sailed from New York, May 27, 1937, on the United Fruit S.S. Quirigua, for a seventeen days cruise, visiting Kingston, Jamaica; Havana, Cristobal, Port Lima and Costa Rica.

Mrs. Ada Brown Pratt (1924) evening Supervisor at the Baker Memorial for the past two years resigned in April.

Sympathy is extended to Doris M. Campbell (1925) on the recent death of her mother.

Mrs. Grace M. Meyers, Librarian Emeritus of the Treadwell Library, was recently a patient at the Baker Memorial, nursing a fractured left wrist.

Miss Hannah J. Brierley (1887) is living at 349 Spring Street, Newport, Rhode Island. Miss Brierley is a classmate and friend of the late Jean M. Morton.

Alumnae members will be interested in the approaching wedding of Amy Washburn, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Frederic Augustus Washburn, to Mr. Stewart Hamilton, Jr., of Detroit, Michigan, on June 30, 1937, at "Dangerfield," Truro, Massachusetts.

Agnes G. Patten (1920) was discharged from the "Channing Home" last April, much improved in health. Miss Patten is at home in Merrimac, Massachusetts, with her mother, Mrs. Clara E. Patten.

Hazel Halladay (1930) head nurse on the 2nd floor of the Phillips House, recently spent two weeks with her parents in Fort Lauderdale, Florida.

Marjorie Burke (1927) is doing Summer relief work at the Massachusetts Eye and Ear Infirmary.

Hilda G. Blaisdell (1920) has been absent from her duties at the Massachusetts Eye and Ear Infirmary for the past two months. Her many friends wish her a speedy recovery.

Elizabeth A. Welch (1922) and Grace Barrett (1933) are anesthetists at the Massachusetts Eye and Ear Infirmary.

Mrs. Francis Alden Niccolls (Myrtle Danico, 1915) recently spent one week with her daughter Myrtle, at Bryn Mawr, Pennsylvania. Miss Niccolls is completing her second year at Bryn Mawr College and has won a \$200 scholarship from the Brookline Women's Club. While at Bryn Mawr Mrs. Niccolls called on Mrs. Frederick Eissler (Anna B. Stonesifer, 1915).

Victoria C. Mayer (1915) is doing Public Health Nursing in Farmington, New Mexico.

The Brockton Hospital School of Nursing has recently passed the 40th anniversary. This was made by the Alumnae of the School the occasion for a notable observance of its founding. This date also marked the closing of the school. Miss Grace B. Beattie (M. G. H. 1892) who organized the hospital and school, was the first superintendent and held the position for seventeen (17) years. She was the guest of honor at the banquet and reunion and gave

the chief address of the evening. Over 200 guests were present. Of this number there were in attendance past and present Presidents of the Board of Trustees—the Medical Staff and the wives of both, representatives of the Ladies' Aid Association as well as a large number of the graduates.

Ward A was closed on March 23rd to make a temporary space for the X-ray Department. The patients were sent to Ward F and many of these patients in turn have been distributed through the surgical wards. You would scarcely recognize the old Ward A quarters as they have been made over into booths and waiting rooms for X-ray patients.

A temporary operating room has been erected almost overnight, in the space back of Phillips House adjacent to Wards A and F. This will be opened and in actual use during the early part of June. Things are moving rapidly now in preparation for the razing of the buildings on the site of the new building. The postoffice has a grand new location at the end of the brick corridor, near the entrance to the stairs of the dining room. There are over seven hundred individual locked mail boxes, so that members of the hospital staff may obtain their mail at their own convenience.

On the afternoon of June 10th, 1937, the Endowment Fund Committee held their "Annual Strawberry Festival" on the Bulfinch Lawn.

Filomena DiCicco (1922), who is at present in Chester, New Hampshire, surprised her many friends and classmates by attending the Pops Concert.

Nurses' Reference Library

The Training School Advisory Committee has been divided into smaller groups, during the past year. These committees have been given the following titles: Nursing Education, Nursing Service, Housing and Social Activities, Library and Nursing Literature. Through the efforts of this last named committee, a graduate librarian has been employed to recatalogue the library. The Advisory Committee as a group, made generous money donations for this purpose; the hospital has agreed to meet further expenses up to the sum of \$600. The librarian has a small desk in the room; she aids students in looking up references and helps in many ways towards preserving the professional atmosphere of the library. It is hoped that money will be forthcoming, later on, making it possible to have a librarian as a permanent member of the staff.

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1. Send letters for publication of marriages, births, engagements, news, queries as to addresses, etc., to Dorothy M. Tarbox, Massachusetts Eye and Ear Infirmary, Boston, Massachusetts.
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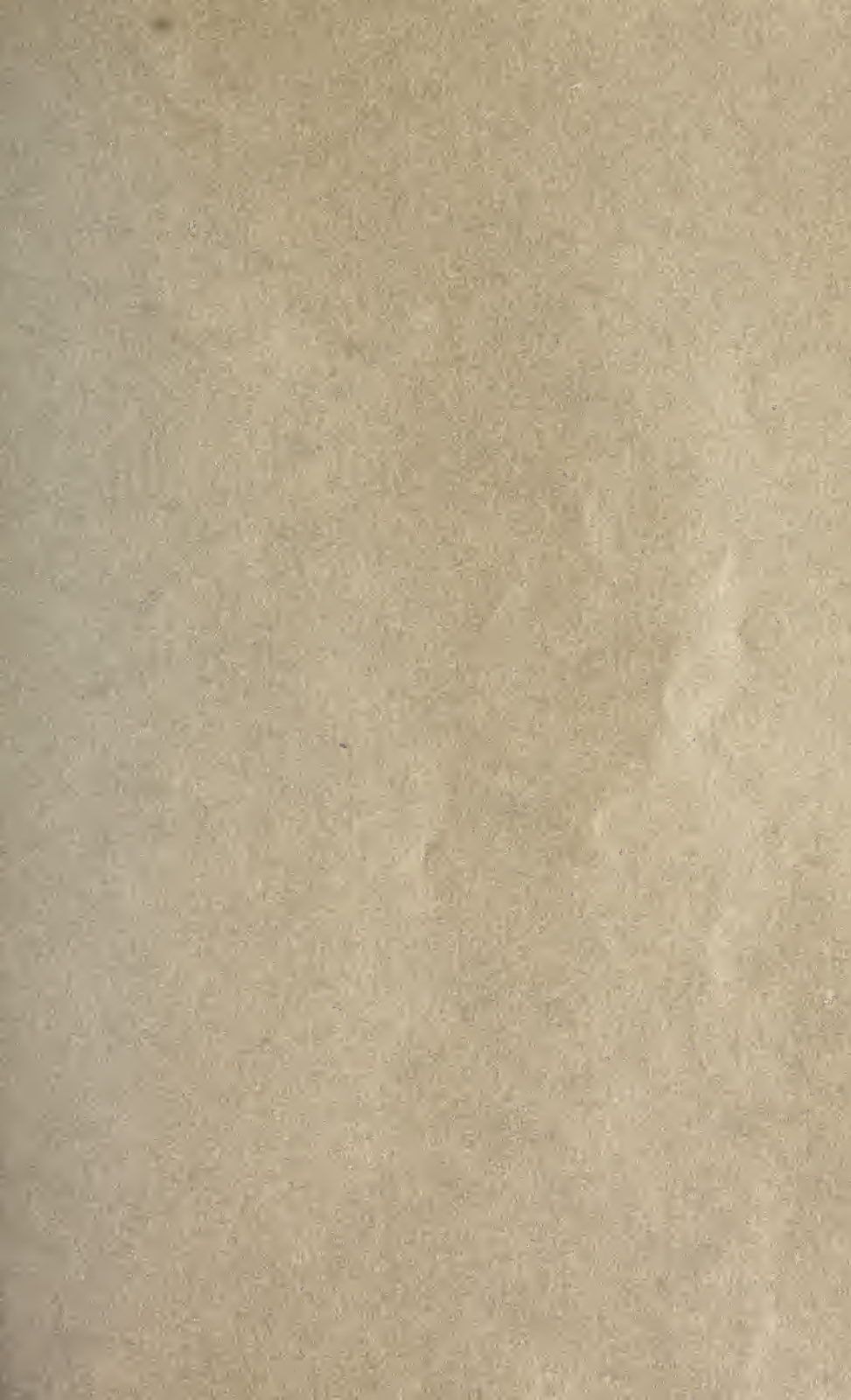


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NURSES ALL WALK ALIKE

At Least Lone Man Among 3,600 of Them Gets That Impression

The only man present, so far as he could see, among 3,600 delegates from forty different countries gathered in London at the International Congress of Nurses, a Daily Mail reporter got one outstanding impression.

There were 4-foot tall nurses from China and Japan, imposing and spectacled sisters from Germany and Sweden, nurses in native costume from India and Holland, quick-moving nurses from France, elegant nurses from the United States, broad-shouldered nurses from Iceland, nurses from all the dominions.

But "from whatever part of the world they came, short or tall, buxom or slender, they all walked alike, walked from the hips, body always erect, a free swinging, purposeful, healthy walk, a walk that seemed to be more a smooth, swift movement than a series of steps."—*New York Times*.

Carrie M. Hall

"A man's ancestors must be regarded as a part of his life" wrote a recent biographer. Miss Hall is a true product of her ancestry. In the middle of the seventeenth century one Richard Hall came from England to settle in the neighborhood of what is now Bradford, Massachusetts. Miss Hall is a member of the seventh generation of that family. The maternal ancestral line runs back into the region of Cape Cod. And so in the subject of this article runs the blood of both the Puritan and the Pilgrim with all their virtues but without their defects of narrowness and intolerance.

Carrie M. Hall was born in Nashua, New Hampshire, in that year when the first schools of nursing, established on the Nightingale plan, were founded in this country. She attended the public schools of her native state and a private school in Massachusetts. In her young womanhood, because of the death of her mother, the responsibility of the management of the home fell upon her shoulders. In that home were two younger brothers and the devotion of those brothers, now men of affairs, is a tribute to her accomplishment of those years. The father was a man of much charm. He must have been one of understanding, too, for he saw to it that from time to time his young daughter had relief from her exacting duties. One means of change was travel and together they took, what was for those times, an extensive trip through the Maritime Provinces. In 1893 she attended the World's Fair in Chicago, and it was while she was there that there came into being the first national nursing organization in America, the organization of which she was one day destined to become president.

It was several years later, in 1901, that Miss Hall entered the Massachusetts General Hospital Training School for Nurses, to be graduated in 1904. As a student she soon showed her executive ability, and, as was customary in those days, was placed in charge of a ward while yet a student. At that time, for those who possessed executive ability, graduate advancement was rapid even without graduate courses. Therefore, she filled the positions of head nurse, assistant superintendent, and superintendent of a hospital in rapid succession. The Department of Nursing Education at Teachers' College, under another name, was no more than a "runabout child" when, in 1911, Miss Hall resigned from the position of Superintendent of the Margaret Pillsbury Hospital in Concord, New Hampshire, a position she had held for five years, that she might have the advantage of study at Teachers' College.

A year later the new Peter Bent Brigham Hospital was seeking a nurse for the position of Principal of the School of Nursing and Superintendent of Nurses. Miss Hall was asked to consider the appointment. She not only possessed more hospital and training school ex-



CARRIE M. HALL

perience and postgraduate academic preparation than her average contemporary, but she also soon convinced Dr. Howard, the Director of the Hospital, that she possessed such knowledge and ability as would aid him in the building and equipment of the hospital. Therefore, in July, 1912, she assumed the duties of the position which she has held for a quarter of a century. A history of that school, which would tell of the high plane upon which it was established, its sound administration, and the accomplishments of its alumnae cannot be told here.

Soon after being established in Boston she was called upon to serve in various capacities. She was president of her alumnae association for five years, chairman of the Suffolk County Central Directory for Nurses for two years, and president of the Massachusetts State Nurses Association for five years.

Miss Hall belongs to that generation of nurses upon whom the World War placed heavy responsibilities. She had been at the Peter Bent Brigham Hospital just five years when she went to France as chief nurse of Base Hospital No. 5. After one year in this post she became chief nurse of the American Red Cross in Great Britain, and late in the year 1918 was transferred to the position of chief nurse of the American Red Cross in France. The Armistice came almost immediately and was soon followed by the difficult period of demobilization. Those were trying days for nurses and equally trying for their chiefs. Miss Hall worked in France for six months after the Armistice and was finally released from duty in August, 1919. This article cannot even indicate the scope of that war service. Probably the most inclusive record of the war nurses will be found in the "History of the American Red Cross Nursing." In that volume is a paragraph relative to Miss Hall which reads ". . . before her departure from Paris, she made recommendations to the new Commissioner for Europe regarding the organization of the nursing staffs of future Red Cross nursing organizations over seas."

By no means was all of the reconstruction work done in Europe. There was much to be done at home. The war revealed a need for a new program in nursing education and also new needs for nurses themselves. Therefore, upon her return from Europe, Miss Hall not only took up the old responsibilities but added the new ones. The years from 1922 to 1932 saw her a member of the Board of Directors of the National League of Nursing Education, and the years 1925, 1926, and 1927 its president. It was during her presidency that the Committee for the Grading of Nursing Schools came into being and began to function.

In one of Miss Hall's presidential addresses she said, "To a high degree the success of any large organization depends upon the work of committees." She was paying a tribute to the work of her current

committees. All through the years she, herself, has made just that kind of contribution to the success of nursing organizations, for she has been chairman of many important committees and has, herself, spent long hours in laborious and detailed committee work. She has been the chairman of the committee on the revision of the by laws of the alumnae associations in Massachusetts, of the nurses committee for the financing of the Grading Committee, of the finance committee of the National League of Nursing Education, and of the committee for the study of the Relief Fund of the American Nurses Association. She was also a member of the committee that studied the project of the Harmon Association for the Advancement of Nursing and it was she who gave the report of that study to the Joint Board of Directors. In 1930 Miss Hall devoted four months to representing this association in the field, during which time she visited twenty-three states, ranging from Iowa to Florida.

War citations came to her. Miss Hall was mentioned in Despatches by Sir Douglas Haig "for gallant and distinguished service in the Field," awarded Royal Red Cross, first class, by King George V, "in recognition of meritorious service rendered the Allied Cause," awarded La Médaille de la Reconnaissance, Française, de 2me classe by the French Government and the Médaille Florence Nightingale by the Commission of the International Red Cross for *Infirmières diplômées qui se sont distinguées d'une façon exceptionnelle par leur grand dévouement.*"

In the busy life that Miss Hall has led, one wonders if she ever found time to participate in any activity other than nursing, or if there were ever time to play. She once wrote, "We need to learn not only to work with others, but to play with others . . . We need to take more active part in civic, educational, and social activities." During her most active years there was in process of creation in Boston a great health and recreational organization for women. Believing that nurses should be a part of and not apart from such a group, Miss Hall consented to serve as president of that organization. And as for play, scores of nurses who have been her guests at her house on Cape Cod can testify to her capacity for play. There the hostess, herself, may cook a good dinner for her guests, display interior decorating that is, in part, her own handiwork, and win in a game of contract bridge. The very persons with whom she has worked the hardest have been her play-time companions on trips through the Mediterranean Sea, around the Gaspé Peninsula, and to England and the Continent.

It is possible to chronicle the activities of a person in such a way as to give a reasonably accurate idea of accomplishments, and yet fail to give any kind of picture of the personality or personal appearance. Miss Hall is of medium height, average build, and is always well-

groomed and well dressed. Her bearing is one of great dignity and, as would be expected in a person of her ancestry, it has an element of reserve and a suggestion of austerity. In social situations she possesses not only ease but charm. Her features are of the best New England variety: well molded, clear-cut, and indicate refinement, intelligence, and strength of character. In the dining room of the Peter Bent Brigham Hospital there hangs an excellent portrait of Miss Hall by Emil Pollak-Ottendorff, a gift of the alumnae of the school. One day a visiting physician from England studied this painting for a few moments and then said, "Portrayed there are many of the characteristics of the English matron." Those characteristics are there.

Miss Hall would be the last person ever to consider herself a scholar. She would claim no especial interest in the personal pursuit of extended formal education or long research. She probably would not claim for herself, but her friends would claim for her, a mind possessed of an unusually high number of the qualities of an efficient executive. She has the ability to analyze quickly a situation, see the significance of possible solutions, choose the wise solution, prepare the way for the execution of the plan without confusion, and, finally, she has the courage and the ability to put the plan into operation. She practices the sound administrative policy that no extensive program can be carried out alone, and so she selects able assistants, gives them responsibility and authority, advises when necessary, refrains from interference, and finally gives the assurance of loyal support. Whether functioning as principal of a school, as member of a committee, or as officer of a state or national organization, Miss Hall speaks and writes with conviction. The sentences are short and the speech itself is short. The presentation is simple and direct. As one listens or reads there is always a consciousness of independent, courageous, intelligent thinking, of an orderly marshalling of the facts and then of a logical conclusion. She might well be called an "apostle of common sense."

Meeting the vicissitudes of personal and professional life with equanimity, Miss Hall proves herself to be a very stable person. She is the soul of uprightness and equity. She has a host of friends and she never by word or insinuation betrays a confidence. And what is more, she influences others to practice her own principles.

A writer of note once took upon himself the task of making an analysis of the characteristics of a Yankee. Among other things he said, "A Yankee is himself. He is no imitation." Miss Hall is a Yankee. She is herself. She is no imitation.

NOTE: This article was written by Miss Johnson who wishes to state that she received from several of Miss Hall's co-workers and other friends many suggestions for the content of the above.—Ed.

CONGRESS OF THE INTERNATIONAL COUNCIL OF NURSES

The very name "International" expresses the world wide scope of this Congress. All nurses who have attended these sessions in different countries realize the difficulty of conveying to other people the emotions which are aroused when seeing and talking with women from nearly every part of the known world. Get out a map and locate such places as Denmark, India, New Zealand, China, South Africa, Cuba, Brazil, Greece, Austria, Czechoslovakia, Estonia, Iceland, Japan, besides the more familiar countries of Europe and you will realize the distances which these nurses travelled to reach London, besides the complications which many must have encountered in using an unfamiliar language. But in seeing groups together, it was often difficult to tell whether your near neighbors at a meeting were from France or Australia, except when you recognized a uniform or habit of a nursing order; differences were more evident when you spoke with these neighbors, and heard accents foreign to your ears.

But to start at the beginning. I made the trip to England with a friend from the Western part of this country, who had served in the Navy and worked in London during the war. We landed at Plymouth took several side trips from there through Devon and Cornwall, and travelled by bus to London, stopping on the way at Exeter and Salisbury. Each of these cities has its own beautiful cathedral in which we attended services. Reaching London on the Wednesday afternoon before the meetings started, we presented the American receipt for our credentials and registration fee which had been sent ahead to England. At the College of Nursing to which we were directed, I found a room crowded with many signs among them that of the "U. S. of America" I was given a large envelope, labelled with my name and containing the program, pin of the I. C. N., formal invitations to social events and a map of the "underground" or subway and the bus routes. Those maps had been marked in ink to indicate the location of Westminster Hall where all meetings were held. As there were 2,000 nurses attending, this one detail gave us some idea of the tremendous amount of time which had been expended in preparing for our reception and expediting our registration. The program was printed in the three official languages of the Congress, English, French, and German. Later on, we received a book containing all the prepared speeches which were given, but not the "discussions" which followed.

The Grand Council, in which the United States was represented by four delegates, held business meetings during the days before the regular sessions. They were entertained at several receptions, among

them one at Buckingham Palace for which the invitation read "Her Majesty, Queen Elizabeth and Her Majesty, Queen Mary, will graciously receive the members of the Grand Council. Tea. 4:30 p. m."

There was a special service for the nurses on Sunday morning in St. Paul's Cathedral, at which the Archbishop of Canterbury gave an address, and a Capitular High Mass at Westminster Cathedral with an address by the Archbishop of Westminster. The regular opening meeting took place on Monday. This was preceded by an hour of organ music as people assembled. The presiding officer, or "Chair," was the president of the Council, Dame Alicia Still, who is Matron at St. Thomas's Hospital. The Congress was declared open by no less a person than The Princess Royal (Princess Mary). Before her entrance we were reminded that no one was to leave the hall while her Royal Highness remained on the platform. The Princess was dressed in a light beige costume with long elbow gloves and a brown hat. She was most gracious in her opening remarks, and these were followed by several addresses of welcome by the "The Right Worshipful Mayor", the minister of Health and others. I, myself, was especially eager to see Mrs. Bedford-Fenwick, who was really the founder of the I. C. N. in 1899. As chairman of the Program and the Arrangements Committees, Mrs. Fenwick gave a report, and during the week conducted several meetings. She has been a real pioneer in nursing especially in England, having worked for fifteen years for the passage of the Registration Law by Parliament. She is now an old lady, but full of spirit and with a mind of her own on the leading questions in nursing today. She was a slight but striking figure on all occasions and most gracious to all of us "foreigners".

The actual proceedings and speeches will be printed in our Journal with full descriptions of them all. I could attend but one of the four meetings which were usually in session at one time, so I shall attempt to give only somewhat unrelated "impressions" of the week's activities. We were struck by the proficiency in languages which was demonstrated everywhere. In the meetings, after the main speech, there was a prepared discussion paper; if given in English, an interpreter on the platform immediately gave it in French and German, or in English if the speaker had used French. This was true of all speeches or remarks made during the meeting. The chairman, herself, often used two languages very readily. I was interested in matters pertaining to student nurses; Student Government which seemed to have widespread approval; in the health of students and conditions of work. Very well made and graphic charts were shown, comparing days of illness, for example, in different countries. Since we had sent reports for three years to I. C. N. headquarters from our own Train-

ing School Office, I was glad to see the outcome. Nurses were urged to enter public life in their communities, whether in active nursing or if inactive, to serve on committees or even as Justice of Peace as does one nurse in Great Britain. The care of the mentally ill seemed to be well advanced in Great Britain. In the Scandinavian countries there are most unique and intelligent plans of having the patients live in villages or colonies.

One of the special meetings was on Wednesday evening when the countries newly elected as members, were formally accepted into the I. C. N. The balcony around the hall was draped with the flags of these various countries. The platform was decorated with flowers and the delegates there were in evening dress, while several, such as those from China, wore their national costume. Mrs. Fenwick presided. The three new countries were Switzerland, Australia, and Roumania. Each was welcomed separately, as her flag was brought onto the platform while the band played her national anthem. The president of our own American Nurses Association, Miss Francis, had the honor of welcoming Switzerland. Following these ceremonies, Sir George Newman, late Medical Officer, Ministry of Health, gave an oration on Florence Nightingale. He could remember well the time when she was living and writing, and consequently was able to present this well-known figure to us from many unusual aspects.

One afternoon and evening, a History of Nursing Pageant was presented at a small theatre. The many episodes were portrayed by student nurses from different hospitals, under the general guidance of "sister tutors" or instructors. The climax was a series of tableaux showing the countries which constitute the I. C. N. and the three new members were represented by three cute children, running along bare-foot at the end of the procession. The final ensemble of all the characters was full of color and inspiration.

The social functions were most enjoyable, as then we could talk and ask questions and absorb the atmosphere of the historical buildings. There were hundreds of visitors to St. Thomas's Hospital, where we went by appointment at certain hours. The buildings are just across the Thames, opposite the Parliament Buildings. In spite of the crowds of visitors, every nurse there, "sister" or undergraduate, was very cordial and eager to show us the hospital. In the home where the probationers live, are kept many of Miss Nightingale's personal possessions; the carriage in which she rode at Scutari, a black dress with white lace collar and cuffs, letters, and a large book in which she kept the records of students with comments on their ability and progress. We saw, also, several large wards, all bright and full of color and with patients who seemed contented and interested in watching us.

Two social affairs were informal and very enjoyable; a "T. C. Columbia" tea and an "A. N. A." breakfast. The tea was given by the British nurses as hostesses, with about thirty guests. A welcome was extended by an English nurse, the second one to come to Teachers College, twenty years ago, when, as she expressed it, "it was an adventure to go to Teachers College". Miss Stewart and other members of the staff were present and the guests represented many foreign countries, making the occasion a truly international one.

The American Nurses Association members gathered for breakfast one morning. During the Congress, we were always referred to as nurses from "The United States of America", which made us realize that there were other "United States" in the world of today besides our own. Miss Francis was the presiding officer this morning; the roll call of States was held, with nearly every State represented by the one hundred and thirty people who were present. Miss Roberts told us of the exciting tea when the Grand Council were introduced to the two Queens.

On Friday evening, many hundreds of convention members attended a reception in Westminster Palace. We were allowed to wander all through the buildings in this group: The House of Lords, with its two gilded thrones, the House of Commons, the library rooms filled to the ceiling with leather bound volumes. We strolled outside on a long terrace, overlooking the Thames, and had refreshments in a dark panelled, brilliantly lighted reception room. Westminster Hall, another part of this group, was built in the twelfth century. It has carved oak rafters and is magnificent in its size and grandeur. It has served as a banqueting hall and the court room where Kings were tried for treason. A brass plate on the floor marks the place where the late King George V lay in state.

The whole Congress presented a series of experiences, which would take many words and many pictures to describe. We from "The States" were thrilled to hear that the 1941 meeting is to be in our own country and that Miss Effie Taylor is the new president of the Council. We shall have a splendid example to follow, if we pattern our program on that which was offered with the courtesy and inspiration of the British nurses, aided by contributions from fellow nurses in many lands.

BARBARA WILLIAMS (1920)

THE ALUMNAE

Messages from Alumnae in Foreign Lands

Aksaray, Istambul, Turkey

May 25, 1937

My dear Miss McCrae:

The work on the whole has gone well. We really have accomplished a great deal and it has been far from easy with only one person who knows any English. It has been most irritating to me not to be able to speak or even to find the time to study the language. As a result I have spilled more than a little adrenalin. Another year should find the school in better condition and the work easier. The poor children had had nothing. The Austro-German system had gone in for cleaning windows but the practical nursing instruction was all theoretical. Am still fighting it. They had never had any massage or bandaging either. You can imagine the kind of nurses they made.

Have a very good friend in Dora Shank, director of the school at the American Hospital. We are most congenial and she has a great time looking after me. The few free Sundays I have managed she has taken me over there and put me in bed from Saturday night until Monday morning. It was the best thing for me I guess. I am well but weary. For my vacation in August I have decided to go up in the mountains in the interior and just sleep and read away from people, instead of going to the Congress in London.

Have persuaded the Minister to send two Turkish nurses to the Congress. One is my assistant. Hope they will profit by the experience.

During the summer months I am going to work on text books for these nurses. I have some of the notes in order in the subjects I have taught this year but as you well know there is endless work to be done to put it in book form. The Red Crescent is very liberal and appreciates the need of books so we have plenty of funds.

It was so delightful to have that brief visit with you last summer. I only regret that it was so short. These three years will soon be over though and then I hope to be able to really renew my acquaintances and friendships. In writing to Helen Lade this morning I told her I was going home by Japan next time surely but she will smile for I have promised it so often now.

—Hazel A. Goff (1917).

Excerpts from Letters to Miss McCrae and Miss Melissa Cook

"The Deodars,"
Almora,
U. P., India

June 29, 1937



These three elephants are tripping along the way to bring you my greetings from India.

This is the way the elephants "salaam" greet people here in India. They lift up their trunks and give a loud roaring sound. Elephants are often used in wedding processions out here. It is considered a very good omen to have at least one elephant lead the wedding procession. Some man in Fatehpur owns an elephant, which was given to him as a wedding gift, and he rents it out to others for use on such honored occasions. Elephants are often used on state occasions also. Most all of the Rajas of the native states own from fifteen to twenty elephants. When used for such functions they are always gaily decorated with jewelry and paint and tinkling bells. Over the back they throw a bright colored velvet cloth which is usually gold-embroidered. Then the keeper sits on top dressed in his bright colored turban and clothes. When you get eight or ten of these elephants—each dressed in a different color—to head a procession it gives you quite a thrill to see it. Whenever the Viceroy visits any city then the elephants are most gorgeously decorated as well as the keeper.

The picture on the second page shows you a camel cart which is used in some parts of India today. I believe they use them in Delhi. They are used for carrying various kinds of luggage. In other parts of the country they load the luggage right on the backs of the camel and the keeper, too, usually sits there. We often see camels in Fatehpur going to and from the bazaar heavily loaded. The camels often bite their keepers when they get angry. One hospital out in the jungle, where they are more commonly used as beasts of burden, often has many patients that have been bitten by them.

The Nursing Association of North India to which all mission hospitals belong has been trying for several years to raise the standard of training for the nurses. One thing they have been trying to do is to get registration for the nurses. At last they have succeeded in securing registration and we are urging all of our graduates to join as they will be able to secure better positions in mission or government hospitals by so doing.

Registration has also brought great changes in the nurses' curriculum. Formerly there was an annual examination in all subjects

during the three years of training but now there are only two examinations—one at the end of each one and a half years. This makes the studies a great deal harder for the nurses. They have all the Anatomy the first year and previously it was divided into three yearly portions. Then they have their Hygiene and the rudiments of nursing. The medical and surgical nursing comes in the second examinations. This is a very hard course for most of the girls out here as we only are able to secure girls of grammar school grade. They are taught in schools to memorize their work and not to do any self-thinking. They memorize their daily lessons page by page and repeat the paragraphs by words and so, in their examinations they often get bewildered because—the questions are not asked in routine order. I have tried in every way possible to get them out of this habit but it is just sort of ingrained in them so it seems a hopeless task.

They do not know how to take notes because they have never been taught to do so. So you have to do all the thinking and planning for them. For this reason many of them fail to get high grades in their examinations and work. This October the first examinations under this new curriculum will be given and we are all anxiously waiting to see the results because all of the Nursing Superintendents have been quite discouraged over this new transition that has taken place in the nursing line.

Last year for the first time I had two senior nurses that passed their final examinations with honor. That meant that they received a grade of 90% or over. They were both very efficient nurses and good students and one of them also received the Thorp Silver Medal which is presented to the student receiving the highest grade of all the nurses in all the different mission hospitals. So this is a very great honor. Now the Association is going to award two silver medals each year as an incentive for more diligent study.

Very few of the girls out here in India really have a strong desire to study nursing. They take up the study because they must do something. Their parents cannot afford to send them for further study after they pass their sixth class, which corresponds to the Grammar School grade at home. There is nothing left for them to do but to study nursing or get married or to sit around and do nothing at home. Because of the laxity of morals out here in India it is not safe for a girl to remain in her own home. Often her character is ruined by her own male relatives. Our mission has a Home for fallen and wayward and uncontrollable girls in Fatehpur and they have many pitiful tales to tell of how they have fallen in sin. So I have to take a great many of such girls that are not real born nurses and try to mould them into shape which is no easy job. They are often careless and irresponsible and they need constant probing to keep up to the mark. On the

other hand occasionally one finds a girl who is really a born nurse and manifests keen interest in her work and she turns out to be a great success and a nurse one is proud of.

We have a capable Indian Medical Assistant who assists the American Doctor in the hospital and dispensary but she is no surgeon. In fact she is very careless in her asepsis so the doctor will not allow her to assist in operations. So she has broken in one of our graduate nurses as her operating room assistant. She is in charge of the operating room work and teaches the nurses and supervises their work. She is most thorough and faithful and she is a great treasure. We all feel we can absolutely trust her in any emergency. She is a self-made girl although she has not passed the Grammar School grade. I took her before that rule was made and I have never been sorry because she has attained such high grade in all her work but it is all due to her diligent study and close application and her desire to succeed and make good.

At present I am enjoying a little holiday up on the hills but must return to work again July 8th. I shall be admitting a new class of nurses—only three girls—as our hospital is small only fifty beds so I do not have more than fifteen girls in training all the time. Then we have three graduate nurses to help us with the supervision of the nurses. Nursing out here has to be carried on so differently from at home as the Sisters in charge have to do so much more supervision and assume so much more responsibility.

I trust you are keeping well and are happy in your work.

Very sincerely yours,

MARY M. ROGERS,

Class 1912.

St. Anthony, Newfoundland

July 18, 1937

Dear Miss Johnson:

How I wish M. G. H. could charter our new tourist steamer, the "North Star", to enjoy the coast for a few weeks, and particularly visit St. Anthony. It would be a picturesque, cool voyage, as our thermometer rarely registers eighty degrees.

This has been a most interesting year, far exceeding my vague expectations. Every day brings something of interest either in the hospital or in the town. As the customs of the people are quite different from ours, their every act is fascinating.

During the winter our staff consisted of two doctors, one dentist.

four nurses; whereas now we have four additional nurses, one more doctor and dentist. Aides are invaluable for routine work. It was a busy Winter, averaging seventy patients, whereas the Summer is heavier. Just yesterday, we received sixty-five new admissions.

The modes of travel here intrigue us, but in spite of the slow speed of komatiks and boats, the results seem to be excellent. The Newfoundlanders are a hardy group, except for their susceptibility to tuberculosis. We were amazed by one obstetrical case: After a patient had hemorrhaged five days, her husband came thirty miles on dogs for help. Doctor and nurse arrived same evening and patient pulseless, but responded well to treatment. After due consideration, patient was brought to hospital—arrived at three in the morning, where a Caesarian saved the mother, but not the twins. With eleven children at home, strength like this is a necessity.

As St. Anthony is the center of the mission, the harbor is very active. Planes, business and pleasure steamers, yachts, Mission boats, keep a steady traffic. Right now the Chutt "Wops" (without pay) are unloading our nine thousand ton supply boat. To show how informally friendships here are made, I might mention that André Reggio—one of the wops—contributed a box of Shredded Wheat to a party, while we donated fresh milk. The former is a luxury enjoyed by the Chutt, but long missed here, while our Guernsey Milk is a treat to those who live on Condensed Milk.

This is a meagre attempt to acquaint you with St. Anthony, but many times while adjusting myself to the work here, I was grateful for my M. G. H. training.

May you and the Training School Office enjoy very pleasant vacations.

Sincerely yours,

(Signed) RUTH WHITTIER

M. G. H. Banner

The first M. G. H. banner was made in January 1920 by Mrs. John McManus (R. Louise Metcalfe, 1920) and her sister. This banner, with two smaller ones, was taken to the Student Volunteer Convention in Des Moines, Iowa, by the delegates, Louise Metcalfe and Emeline Bowne (1920). Miss McCrae accompanied them. The largest banner was given to the Training School by Mrs. McManus when she graduated. A newer banner is now the property of the Student Cooperative Society and was loaned by them for the last Alumnae "Pops Concert."



Tokyo, Japan, July 27th, 1937.

Dear Miss McCrae:

I am going to see if I can forget the heat in writing a letter to you—every one has been saying if we would only have rain, which has threatened two or three days, it would be cooler, but we had a torrential rain at 4:30 this morning, followed a little later by a very long earthquake which made one feel very queasy as it seemed to go round in circles—but it is no cooler. It is most decidedly hot and sticky. However!

I certainly was glad to get your letter of mid-June, as it proved your arm was all right again. I think using the furushiki for a sling was a very good idea, and it is exactly what Miss Pond did, to keep her lacquer poison swollen arm up when she was dressed to go out. We were invited to a gyunabe party in early July for one of our Staff who was leaving on furlough—apparently the restaurant had re-finished their tables, and Miss Pond had an outbreak of lacquer poison along the whole left forearm, where she had leaned on the table, while watching her gyunabe cook. She is particularly susceptible, but gets hers from newly varnished furniture. Another friend cannot walk anywhere near the lacquer tree or bush without getting it, and that does not do a thing to Miss Pond. Miss Uyeda, our superintendent of nurses, gets it from new lacquer, so that when the Hospital purchases new lacquer soupbowls, or trays for the dining room, for the Japanese food, Miss Uyeda has to stay out of the dining room for some weeks, and have all her meals elsewhere. Now me—thank goodness I am not susceptible, apparently.

It was funny (only not so funny) when Holy Trinity Church was consecrated in the early years after the earthquake—about eighteen people got lacquer poisoning from the pews—some across the forehead where they rested in prayer, others on the chin, arms, and back of legs, from touching the seats there.

You are surely going to miss Miss Parsons—but I am sure she

will enjoy being in France again, and it is nice for her niece to have her with her.

You are going to have such a lot to show me when next I get to Boston, perhaps in late 1939, or early 1940,—with all your new buildings, etc. This time, I want to make a complete tour of MGH and really get brought up to date. I have always been sorry I did not get through the Baker Memorial last time I was there, but things just did not work out that way.

We are working steadily on our plans for the OPD and Administration unit—they finished the building fund for that at Easter time, and we had Mr. Sawyer, of Yorke & Sawyer, N. Y. architects, with much hospital experience (built Alleghany General among others), come out June 9th—to work with Mr. Svagr, for one month, which is now turning into two, and he has been most helpful. The plans are really looking like something already—the only danger now is this so-called “war”—if it really goes on until it is a real one, our building will have to wait, as you can readily see. Also, with steel where it is now, we are anxious about having enough also. But we do need it so badly—I keep hoping we will be able to go ahead.

I am sure you would have enjoyed Mrs. Tomita—I have heard of her but have not met her. There are so many lovely things in this country.

Right now Tokyo is full of teachers, for the Educational Conference. You surely can spot them, anywhere, most of them at least. I have several friends of my aunts here, from Toronto—I wish they did not have to have these things in the heat, when all I want to do is to be allowed to “set”!

I have a building committee meeting, so must stop.

Affectionately,

HELEN ROSS SLADE (1918)

Reunion of Class of 1922

The fifteenth reunion of the class of 1922 was celebrated on Strawberry Festival Day, June 10, 1937. The group gathered at Walcott House for a chat before beginning a trip through the hospital to see the many developments of the past few years. Interesting indeed was it to find that new developments were not only evident in improved buildings, new wards, convenient kitchens and utility rooms. But ward helpers, ward secretaries and floor duty nurses had been added to improve the care of patients and make possible better teaching and learning opportunities for students. Climaxing the trip was a

visit to the Thayer Classroom where tired from walking the wards, thirteen "probationers" once again sat down to review the amusing episodes of 1919 "prob" days.

With a strawberry shortcake to sustain strength the reunion adjourned to the Boston Women's College Club where Helene Lee had arranged a delightful dinner. Ten of the thirteen members present came from outside the M. G. H. The most distant traveller was Anne Castle from Wilmington, Delaware. Nine class babies and one adopted baby were represented.

It was voted unanimously to meet again for reunion when the new George White Surgical Building is opened. It is hoped that a larger group will be able to attend.

The class contribution to the Training School endowment fund is not yet complete. The final sum will be announced later.

Reunion of Class of 1924

Twelve members of the Class of 1924 attended the Strawberry Festival in June, in response to the call for a reunion. After eating our strawberries and chatting together, we were shown some of the new developments in the hospital, and six of us stayed in town for dinner together. We decided to make this a preliminary to a bigger reunion which we will hold early in the Fall. A dinner in Boston has been suggested, and notices will be sent out very soon to all those whose addresses we have. Will others please send their addresses to Mrs. Gertrude Herman, 320 LaGrange street, West Roxbury, Massachusetts? We should like to have at least a message from every one who cannot be present, because we want to put our Class at the head of the list in returns to the Endowment Fund.

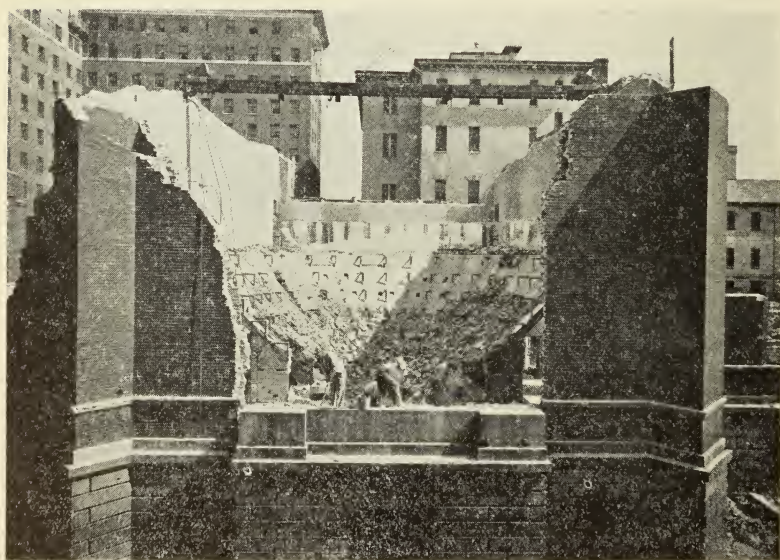
New Publications

The Macmillan Company announces that the new second edition of Denison's Textbook of Eye, Ear, Nose and Throat Nursing will be ready for Fall Classes. This new edition, a complete revision of the original work published in 1929, has been prepared by Lyyli Eklund (1931) Instructor at the Massachusetts Eye and Ear Infirmary, Boston, Massachusetts.

J. B. Lippincott Company announces the publication of a new book, "Introduction to the Principles of Nursing Care", edited by Martha Ruth Smith and eleven of her colleagues among the leading educators throughout the country. Miss Smith is a graduate of the Peter Bent Brigham Hospital (1919) and at present Instructor in Nursing at the Massachusetts General Hospital.



The beginning of the end.



Three Guesses! Exposed seats in the Bigelow Amphitheater.

On June 1, 1937, the Mystic Building Wrecking Company began the razing of the Old Hospital landmarks;—The Old Accident Ward, House Officers Flat, Zander-room later used for X-ray, and the Bigelow operating building. This wrecking has taken two full months. Many useful pieces of building material were salvaged among them the marble wall panels and the heavy swinging doors which now grace the entrance to the Temporary Operating Room. Many an Alumna who had been lost in the spooky basement passages would have been interested to see them exposed to bright daylight.



The Glory of the "Bulfinch Dome".

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The June Formal Dance was given by the class of 1939 on the evening of June fourth in the Rotunda of the Moseley Building. About fifty couples spent a most enjoyable evening dancing to the strains of the Hi-Hatters Orchestra. The Dance committee was made up of the following students; Honor Stanton, Barbara Petersen, Christina Oddy, Ethel Slattery, Ruth Haddon and Anne Siplas. Patrons who attended were: Dr. and Mrs. Norman Baker, Dr. and Mrs. Luney Ragsdale, Dr. and Mrs. Morgan Rhees, Dr. and Mrs. Franklin Wood, Dr. and Mrs. Gerald Houser, and Miss Sally Johnson.

Senior Class members are now making plans for their Senior Week activities. There have been many successful schemes for raising money including, an informal dance, sandwich, ice-cream and hot dog sales. A cabaret dance was held in the Rotunda on August 25th.

Students in the Thayer home are very grateful to Mrs. Edna Harrison Jones for contributing a subscription to Life Magazine for one year.

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To complete these sets for our Reference Library we need the copies which are listed; if any graduates have these copies available, we should appreciate very much hearing from you. Supervisor of Science and Clinical Instruction—Walcott House.

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1928—October.

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1930—January, May, July, August, December.

1931—January.

1932—February.

1933—November, December.

1936—October.

1937—March, April, May.

Public Health Nursing:

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1910—January, April, July, October.

1911—January, April, July, October.

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1916—Entire year.

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1921—July, April, May, August.

1922—July.

1923—December.

1924—February, September, November.

In Memoriam

Mary F. Underwood (1915) on May 12, 1937 at the home of her sister Mrs. Thomas Calder, 24 Willard Ave., Worcester, Massachusetts.

Elizabeth S. Hoag (1880) on July 18, 1937 at the home of her niece, Mrs. Chester Weed in Tamworth, New Hampshire.

Susan M. Cook (1895) on August 16, 1937 at the residence of her sister, Hattie M. Proctor, 16 Pleasant Street, Revere, Massachusetts.

Engagements

Doris L. Dawson (1934) to Mr. Richard Adams Knowlton of Buffalo, New York.

Dr. and Mrs. Gerardo M. Balboni (Lillian Dobie 1910) of Mt. Vernon Street, Boston, announce the engagement of their daughter, Miss Lillian Balboni to Mr. Charles Lewis Knight of Cleveland, Ohio. Miss Balboni is a graduate of Smith College and studied at the Sorbonne and the University of Florence. Mr. Knight is a graduate of Dartmouth College and of the Harvard School of Landscape Architecture. The marriage will take place in the Fall.

Margaret Mary Flatly (1913) to Clifford F. Foley of Gloucester, Massachusetts.

Marriages

Eva W. Marriette (1909) to Captain George Peltz in Honolulu, T. H., on June 17, 1937. Captain and Mrs. Peltz will live in Honolulu.

Dorothy Miriam Amlaw (1933) to Dr. Howard Coggeshall in New York City on August 3, 1937.

Helen Loretta Mulkern (1934) to Mr. Harold John Carney in Dedham, Massachusetts on August 7, 1937.

Helen Gillig (1934) to Mr. Ivers E. Winmill in Nashua, New Hampshire on March 27, 1937.

Eleanor Fiske (1935) to Mr. David Alfred Mooney in Medford, Massachusetts on May 29, 1937.

Margaret Robinson (1936) to Mr. George Samuel Bays, Jr. in New Ipswich, New Hampshire on June 1, 1937.

Phyllis Heath Paton (1936) to Dr. Claude E. Welch in Montreal West, Quebec, on August 14, 1937.

Miriam E. Kalb (1922) to Dr. J. Walter Troxell in Monrovia, California on August 15, 1937. Dr. and Mrs. Troxell will be at home after September 1st in San Diego, California.

Elma Louise Simm (1935) to Gurdon Montague Butler, Jr. in Belmont, Mass., on Aug. 21, 1937. Mr. and Mrs. Butler will live in Fredonia, N. Y.

Elizabeth Jane Clarke (1933) to David Ames Tripp in Milton, Mass., on Aug. 21, 1937. They will be at home on Lynde Street, Boston, Mass.

Births

To Mr. and Mrs. J. Alden Scott (Irene Perotte 1931) a daughter Janet Aldeen on March 13, 1937 at the Boston Lying-In Hospital.

To Mr. and Mrs. John Murphy (Ruth McAdams 1923) a son Gerald Murphy on June 5, 1937 at the Wyman House of the Cambridge Hospital.

To Mr. and Mrs. D. E. Whelton (Mary Clark 1923) a son Clark Edwin on June 7, 1937 at the Nassau Hospital, Mineola, Long Island, New York.

To Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Levitt (Gene E. Roberts 1929) a daughter Susan Roberts on July 4, 1937 at the Baker Memorial Hospital.

To Mr. and Mrs. Paul M. Brown (Martha E. Perkins 1914) a son Paul Brown on July 8, 1937 at the Baker Memorial Hospital.

To Mr. and Mrs. Daniel J. FitzPatrick (Margaret E. Kirby 1924) a daughter, Ellen, on July 23, 1937, at the Phillips House, Massachusetts General Hospital, Boston, Massachusetts.

News

On July 10, 1937 Miss Sara E. Parsons and her niece sailed from the Cunard Pier, East Boston, on the "S. S. Samaria" for a year in Europe. They plan to visit England, Scotland, Germany and France. At the present writing they are motoring through England and enjoying the beautiful scenery along the Devonshire Coast.

Miss Isabelle Lumsden (1892) and her niece, enjoyed the cool breezes of Kennebunkport, Maine for a few weeks in August.

Miss E. Grace McLeay (1896) spent the Summer at Muskoka Lakes, Canada.

En route to Sidney Cape Breton, Elizabeth Hatlow (1904) stayed a few days with Mary G. McKenna (1896) in Dartmouth, Nova Scotia.

Miss McCrae spent five days in August at the Nurses Vacation House, Rowley, Massachusetts. Mrs. Morse (Mary S. Doherty 1905) and Jessie G. Bentley (1913) were guests there at the same time.

Sympathy is extended to Mrs. Fred H. Carey (Caroline Plant 1912) on the death of her husband on July 4, 1937, at the Memorial Hospital, Bath, Maine.

Miss Melissa J. Cook (1912) Superintendent of the Melrose

Hospital, Melrose, Massachusetts, spent her vacation at the High Rock Hotel, Ogunquit, Maine.

Marjorie Melton (1913) spent the Summer at York Harbor, Maine.

Mrs. George P. Bacon (Hanna C. Churchill 1897) passed the Summer at the Hague visiting her daughter Ruth who is an Assistant to Judge Manly O. Hudson of the World Court.

Mary Towle (1912) was recently the house guest of Mrs. Ernst Fieldhouse (Edith S. Staples 1918) at her home in West Andover, Massachusetts. Mrs. Fieldhouse has two daughters, Janet Merle, 3, and Martha Anne, 5.

The many friends of Nancy M. Fraser (1914) will be sorry to hear she has been a patient at the Baker Memorial for the past two months following an operation. All wish her a speedy recovery.

Mrs. Ada Brown Pratt (1924) who relieved in the Training School Office of the Baker Memorial for the month of August, has accepted the position of Supervisor at the Mary McLellan Hospital, Cambridge, New York.

Lyyli Eklund (1931) resigns as Instructor at the Massachusetts Eye and Ear Infirmary in September in order to spend the year at Teachers College, Columbia University. She will be succeeded by Marie Scherer (1936).

On September 1, 1937 Mildred H. Cartland (1914) becomes full time Science Instructor at the Massachusetts General Hospital. For several years past, Miss Cartland has been visiting Instructor in various Massachusetts Hospitals.

Beatrice Perin (1937) and Clarissa Peters (1937) have accepted positions at the Melrose Hospital, Melrose, Massachusetts. Miss Perin will be Instructor in Nursing Arts and Miss Peters in the Sciences.

Margaret Heyse (1937) has been appointed Instructor in Nursing Arts at the University of Colorado School of Nursing.

Ruth Harris Smith (1929) is on the staff of the Queen's Hospital, Honolulu, Territory of Hawaii.

Mrs. N. Ruth Wiley (Nana Block 1926) is now living in Alvin, Texas.

Hannah E. Dodge (1888) writes Miss Johnson that she is enjoying the California climate and living at 1561 Guerado Street, Whittier, California.

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Wood (Helen Parks 1910) and sister

Kathleen Parks (1917) from Downers Grove, Chicago, Illinois, spent two weeks in July with their parents in Lexington, Massachusetts. The trip was made by auto and trailer in four days.

On July 1, 1937, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Murphy (Marjorie Packard 1933) with Miss Eunice Cox, Dietitian at the Massachusetts Eye and Ear Infirmary, started on a two months' automobile tour of the Continent. They have visited many States and interesting cities—Washington, D. C., New Orleans, Mexico City, The Grand Canyon of Arizona, Boulder Dam of Nevada, California and several of the National Parks.

Ruth Hopper (1924) has accepted the position of Science Instructor at the Wesson Memorial Hospital, Springfield, Massachusetts.

Lois B. Gladding (1936) is Supervisor at the Peabody Home for Crippled Children, Newton Center, Massachusetts. Miss Gladding succeeds Doris Dawson (1934) who will be married in September.

Jane M. Martin (1937) is a member of the Operating Room staff at the Beth Israel Hospital, Boston, Massachusetts.

Ruth J. Adie (1919) is Superintendent at the Chenango Hospital, Norwich, New York.

Florence Perry (1937) is field nurse of the Vermont Tuberculosis Association with headquarters at Burlington, Vermont.

Margaret Dizney (1927) is Assistant to the National Director of Public Health Nursing, Home Hygiene and Care of the Sick, of the American Red Cross in Washington, D. C.

Alice Kinney Bryant (1910) is in charge of the Medical Floor of the Edgewater Hospital, Chicago, Illinois.

Mrs. Faith Dobbie Fuerbringer (1910) received her B.S. degree from Boston University last June. Mrs. Fuerbringer resigned from the Robert Breck Brigham Hospital to take Post Graduate work at the Lobenstein Institute in New York this past Summer. She has accepted a permanent position at the Chicago Lying-In Hospital.

Edna M. Cree (1928) is now Family Health Counsellor at the Kellogg Foundation, Battle Creek, Michigan. We congratulate Miss Cree for obtaining a sound Academic background, having received her B.S. in Education at Boston University in 1937, certificate of Public Health Nursing, Simmons College and certificate in Public Health from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

Elsie Johnson (1937) Ruth Belcher (1936) Rita Gibbons

(1937) and Carolyn Schultz (1937) are doing general duty at McLean Hospital, Waverly, Massachusetts.

Beatrice Roy (1937) is doing floor duty at the Quincy City Hospital, Quincy, Massachusetts.

Eva Danilievitz (1935) and Elizabeth Thompson (1935) were Camp Nurses at the Morgan Memorial Camp in Athol, Massachusetts for the Summer.

On August 3rd Mrs. R. Louise Metcalfe McManus (1920) of 520 West 122nd Street, New York City, entertained the Massachusetts General Hospital Nurses attending Summer School at an informal tea. Those present were Erna Kuhn, '14, Helen Giles, '24, Ethel Brooks, '26, Hazel Halladay, '30, Persis Lane, '30, Mary Sullivan, '30, Carrie Chick, '32, Marjorie Cross, '34, Marjorie Goldthwait, '36, Beatrice Perin, '37.

The following Massachusetts General Hospital Nurses attended the Summer session at Simmons College.

Public Health Course Louise Hollister (1933)

Ruth H. Foster (1933)

Nursing Education Jessie Stewart (1935)

Marie Scherer (1936)

Elinor Lee Beebe (1922) has left the Yale School of Nursing and is now working on a program in Public Health Nursing at the University of California, in Los Angeles.

Ruth Martinson, of the X-Ray Department, travelled abroad in May, visiting the Scandinavian countries. While in London she saw Mrs. Champ Lyons (Naomi Currier 1930) who is very well. Dr. Lyons is doing research work at a London Hospital.

Kathleen Atto (1922) Superintendent of Nurses at McLean Hospital, Waverly, Massachusetts, visited England and Scotland in July, spending one day at the International Council of Nurses.

Helen Hewitt (1935) has been appointed Assistant Night Supervisor at the Massachusetts General Hospital.

Recent visitors to the hospital included Elizabeth Leary Davis (1925) Winna Abbott (1930) and Dorothy Keough Berry (1929) with her two sons.

Elizabeth Conway (1894) has been a patient on Ward E this Summer.

Miss Evelyn Lin, president of the Chinese Nurses Association, is visiting in the United States on her way home from the International Council of Nurses in London. She spent August 19th at the Massachusetts General Hospital and was especially interested in our methods of teaching on the Wards.

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Everywhere, everywhere Christmas tonight!
Christmas in lands of the fir-tree and pine,
Christmas in lands of the palm-tree and vine,
Christmas where snow peaks stand solemn and white,
Christmas where cornfields stand sunny and bright.
Christmas where children are hopeful and gay,
Christmas where old men are patient and gray,
Christmas where peace, like a dove in his flight,
Broods o'er men in the thick of the flight;
Everywhere, everywhere, Christmas tonight!
For the Christ-child who comes is the Master of all;
No palace too great, no cottage too small.

PHILLIPS BROOKS.

State Meetings

The Annual Convention of the Massachusetts League of Nursing Education, Massachusetts Organization of Public Health Nursing, and Massachusetts State Nurses Association, was held at the Hotel Statler, Boston, October 27, 28, and 29, 1937. These meetings were well attended and interesting subjects discussed.

At the opening business meeting of the Massachusetts State Nurses Association, Miss Carrie M. Hall (M.G.H. 1904) was elected to honorary membership in the Association. Miss Stella Goostray, Superintendent of the Children's Hospital gave the citation.

It is customary when a college confers an honorary degree to accompany it with a citation as to why it was merited. We have no honorary degrees to confer, but we have come to look upon honorary membership in this state association as a mark of distinction. Anyone who has been connected with nursing for the past twenty-five years has no need to have recalled to her the contributions which have been made by Miss Hall as founder of the Peter Bent Brigham Hospital School of Nursing, President of the Massachusetts State Nurses Association, Chief Nurse of Base Hospital No. 5, Chief Nurse of the American Red Cross in France, President of the National League of Nursing Education, and chairman of the Joint Committee to Finance the Grading Committee. Not only has Miss Hall been interested in the promotion of professional ideals, but through her position as chairman of the Suffolk County Central Directory for Nurses, Chairman of the Committee for the Study of the Relief Fund for the American Nurses' Association, and a member of the Harmon Association for the Advancement of Nursing, she has been active in the solution of those economical problems which are so vital to the individual nurse.

We honor Miss Hall not only for what she has done but for what she is herself, and we may truly apply to her that description from the Book of Proverbs—

"Strength and honor are her clothing;
And she shall rejoice in time to come.
She openeth her mouth with wisdom
And in her tongue is the law of kindness.
Give her of the fruit of her hands, and
Let her own works praise her in the gates."

A New Nurse Practice Act for Massachusetts Is Considered

At the annual meeting of the Massachusetts State Nurses' Association, the need for new legislation for nurses was thoughtfully discussed. The feeling is general that, with the increasing number of subsidiary workers, it may be wise for the professional group to make active preparation now for control of all people who do nursing for hire, through compulsory licensing. Unless the professional group takes the initiative in such action, it is feared that legislation will be proposed by the subsidiary group, which might be detrimental to professional nursing. The State Nurses' Association does not propose to introduce legislation at the 1938 session of the General Court unless action on the part of another group creates a situation which calls for action on our part. The State Association does want to be prepared for such emergency, and has given its Directors authority to act if action is needed.

It seems very important that every registered nurse be alert to the situation. Over seven thousand practical nurses were listed in Massachusetts on the 1930 census, and it is known that many have been added to this number since. Schools of nursing have been discontinued and have been replaced by schools for attendant nurses. All these and many more are doing some type of nursing work. Does the public understand how much these workers are prepared to do in the way of nursing service? Is the public properly protected against the under-trained or untrained worker? Should we try to make it necessary for these attendant nurses to be licensed in order to practice? Should we recognize a second level worker in nursing, and set up definite standards that she must meet? Would such licensing help the public to know more about the type of service it is getting, and the types that are available? Would the public be better served? These are questions that are being studied by the Directors of the State Nurses' Association. They will try to be ready if legislation is needed. They are entitled to the support of all the other registered nurses in the state. One way in which we can help is by building up a sympathetic understanding among the people who use nursing service in the community. We shall need their support and cooperation if we undertake legislation.

The ultimate purpose of any nurse practice act should be the protection of the public. Let us be sure that our greatest concern is to give the public the best nursing service that we can give.

MARY E. SHEPARD.

NOTE—It is expected that a bill will be introduced into the 1938 state legislature to include nurses and other hospital employers in the law which is already on the statute books requiring an eight-hour day, forty-eight-hour week as a maximum for women. The State Nurses' Association went on

record as opposing this bill, because, while we are heartily in sympathy with reasonable working hours for nurses, and for all workers, we as a professional group, interested in maintaining high standards of professional service, do not wish to be bound by labor laws.

The Meetings of the Private Duty Section of District No. 5 were held in conjunction with the Central Directory for Nurses on Wednesday, October 27th, the first day of the State Convention.

There was a business meeting at 11 A. M., at which Miss Gertrude Redmond, President of the Private Duty Section of District No. 5 presided, a luncheon meeting at which Mr. George Farnum, former American Ambassador to Turkey, talked most entertainingly about "The Interesting Personalities of Members of the Supreme Court," and a Round Table conducted by Miss Sally Johnson, at which the subjects discussed were the difficulties encountered by Central Directory in supplying nurses for Sundays and Holidays, and the reasons why so many nurses were unwilling to do Floor Duty.

A letter had been sent by Central Directory to the Alumnae Associations of all Hospitals connected with Central Directory, asking for suggestions which might aid in solving these problems. The replies received showed that the Alumnae Association of the Deaconess Hospital was the only one which had a really definite plan to propose, as outlined by their Private Duty Section, which they had been trying since July to put into practise, and which Miss Davis, Director of their School, felt had effected a definite improvement.

In the course of the very worthwhile discussion which followed, and which was participated in by many private duty nurses, as well as the Registrars present from various cities and towns, one fact became evident, viz: that no one plan can be evolved which may be adopted by all. Each Alumnae Association must present its own idea, and the Central Directory must adopt and adapt accordingly. It was also felt, however, that only the surface had been scratched on this most important subject, and that subsequent meetings and discussion were most necessary to a really satisfactory solution.

The reasons given for the unwillingness to do Floor Duty were—

- (1) Long hours
- (2) Small salaries
- (3) Hard work
- (4) Attitude of various Supervisors

The Directors of Schools present indicated their knowledge of these difficulties, their desire to remedy them, and their belief that they could and *would* be "ironed out", and that one way to do it was "to talk about them".

In regard to the shortcomings of the institutions, the Floor Duty Nurses were reminded that they must "play the game" and keep up the standards set for them when they were students. Various phases of this most interesting discussion continued until the hour for adjournment at 4:30 P. M.

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The January Announcement of the Alumnae meeting, will give the date of the Graduation Exercises for the Class of 1938.

THE ALUMNAE

The first Fall meeting of the M.G.H. Nurses Alumnae Association was held Tuesday evening, October 19, 1937, in the Walcott House Classroom, with a goodly number in attendance. The President, Mary E. Shepard, presided.

This meeting was advanced one week because of the State Meetings.

Dr. J. Lerman gave an illustrated talk on "Do Endocrine Glands Affect Personality."

On November 30, 1937, Dr. Sidney Cabot of Simmons College gave a talk to the M.G.H. Nurses Alumnae Association about "The Effect of Environment on Personality."

Report of the Activities of the M. G. H. Group in New York

The regular business meeting was held at 8 P.M. October 4th, at 99 Park Avenue, the location of Headquarters of the Henry Street Visiting Nurse Association. After the minutes and Treasurer's reports were read and accepted, plans were discussed for the future of this group.

In order to be a purposeful, well organized group, it was decided to develop a Constitution patterned after our parent organization, the Alumnae Association.

The attendance at our business meetings has been small despite the fact that our mailing list contains one hundred and thirty-five names. We are directing our efforts toward a program which will help us realize the aims of our group. Miss Claire Favreau has been elected Chairman of the Program Committee.

One of our wishes is to contact the recent M.G.H. graduates who come to New York so that we may make them realize that a welcoming hand from home is available.

We hope that Miss Johnson in her talks to the Seniors and Miss Shepard in her work with the Alumnae may be but two of a large number of Boston members who direct M. G. H. nurses to us.

The best of the autumn activities came Monday, November 8th. Miss McCrae was our guest of honor at a dinner held at the Women's National Republican Club.

We were happy, too, to have Dr. John W. Hammond with us. Dr. Hammond was on the West Medical Service at M. G. H. in 1915. He is now associated with Babies Hospital, Willard Parker, and Women's Hospital. He came as the guest of Mrs. Mae Rodgers Bates. We hope to have him speak to us about his experiences in China at an early date.

Miss McCrae was, as you well know, witty, charming, and delightful. She remembered anecdotes about us individually and collectively.

After dinner, she told us what she hoped our group could accomplish. Not only did she crystallize our thinking but gave us many new purposes and a greater incentive.

Our efforts shall be increased to welcome newcomers, to visit the nurses if they are sick, to exchange ideas and experiences with each other. The program committee received many hints; lecturers on Current Events, speakers like Dr. Hammond, and all kinds of activities that will make our viewpoint broader. And reports of these activities shall reach the quarterly as well as the experiences of each nurse on her vacation, on a trip, to a convention.

Then more informally, Miss McCrae told us about the hospital, who is there, what each is doing.

And all through those minutes, she was giving us again as she has always before, so much of herself; so much of her philosophy for living, of her principles, of her standards for nursing. Around the tables, sat women of all degrees of nursing experience. As she made a point, a head nodded there, a look of confirmation was exchanged somewhere else. Her students could testify to the everlasting truth of her teaching. They had had to be shown. They had had to be taught. And there, direct and indomitable, sincere in every fibre, stood the nurse whose efforts have been rewarded by the gradual growth of her "probationers" toward her ideals.

How we enjoyed Miss McCrae. Dr. Hammond spoke to us, too. He reminded us of how we tend to cling to the homely incidents, the funny little memories of the General and yet though our reminiscences are light, our feelings run deep within us. He said what was in every heart, "Miss McCrae and the M. G. H. stand for the same things."

We enjoyed seeing each other. These are the ones who attended.

May Ryan

Gladys Lawrence

Elizabeth Fraser

Dorcas Bennett

Ruth Bergamini

Helen Welch

Mary Whelton

Virginia Palzer

Eva Allen

Hazel Gammon

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Marian Roope Holbig
Lyyli Eklund
Sylvia Perkins

Messages were read from seventeen other members who could not attend but sent their greetings.

We still need Miss McCrae to invigorate us. We shall look forward to her next visit.

Sylvia Perkins

Reunion of Class of 1924

The class of 1924 held a reunion, Hotel Bellevue, Boston, Wednesday, Nov. 3rd.

The following members were present:

Margaret Kirby Fitzpatrick
Kathleen Logan
Jenny Kellogg Coyne
Winnifred Wilson
Ruth Hopper
Helen Curley
Marion Burnham Segree
Mary Shepard
Mabel Keach Bond

Ruth Tapley
Gertrude Reynolds Herman
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Mary Bullard
Alice Haglund

The following officers were elected:

Secretary, Gertrude Reynolds Herman
President, Ruth Hopper
Treasurer, Mary Shepard

Letters, too numerous to mention, were read from members who were unable to attend.

Another reunion is to be held at the time of the Strawberry Festival.

Money is being collected for the Endowment Fund.

The flowers from the table were sent to Miss Nancy Fraser.

The evening was spent in reminiscing and each member was asked to tell what she was doing and had done since graduation.

Respectfully submitted,

Ruth Hopper

President, Class 1924

The Cumberland

London W. I. England

August 26, 1937

Dear Friends:

I have so wanted to share my trip with you during the last month. My niece Ruth (who has just celebrated her 20th birthday) and I have been motoring about England, with a peep into Scotland and Wales, since July 26th. Ruth hired a Ford V 8 at the British and Colonial Motors Ltd., Automobile Agents, and was our expert driver from London to Lands End up to Edinburgh and back, about 2,550 miles. We visited several of the most celebrated cathedrals and were thrilled and awed by their grandeur and beauty, but I shall not attempt to describe them, because like their photographs, I could never convey an adequate idea of their inspirational effect. Instead I shall try to collect a few memories of special thrills and general impressions to send you.

Ruth was commissioned to call on some friends of friends who live over here, and a boat friend invited us to call on his mother, so we had the pleasure of seeing the interiors of some very old and hospitable English homes, which was truly a privilege. Two of these homes had obviously been lived in by generations of cultured people, and were quaint and interesting beyond my power of description. Low ceilings, old rafters, huge fireplaces, family portraits, delicious teas, family pets, composed a picture that we shall never forget. I tried to think how our homes of the same class of people would impress our English friends, and I could not help but think they would seem to them very new and probably crude, in spite of the best we could offer of American hospitality.

Fortunately our trip took us, not only into the regions where nature is riotous with gorgeous flowers and magnificent trees; villages like Clovelly, Rye and Broadway where flowers and vines climb over the walls and spill out of the window boxes of the picturesque little houses, making one feel like Alice in Wonderland; but we went through industrial centres, seeing Liverpool and Leeds with monotonous rows of plain houses; and the bleak and wind-swept heather covered hills of the Bronte country. We also went miles through the agricultural districts, where we saw the wheat and barley stacks as far as eye could see. For two days we revelled in the Lake region, lovely, lovely scenery. I, who seldom read poetry (more shame to me) spent half a day reading Wordsworth's inspired verse.

We saw the interiors and grounds of two or more famous estates, easier to visualize than some of the (to me) more attractive places. Of course we went to Stratford-on-Avon, *Oxford and Boston* with lively appreciation.

Throughout the month I have found myself saying like Paderewski's parrot (when perched on his master's foot during piano practice) "O, how beautiful!"

In Salisbury, where we stopped at the Old George Hotel, a lovely Persian pussy and his garden friend, Jimmy the turtle, added to the charm of the place. A hedge-hog, that lived in the garden, was a pampered pet of the friend we called on in Westwood Ho.

Two of my favorite places are Saint Cross Hospital in Winchester and the Ford Hospital in Coventry. These are hospitals in the original sense of the word. Both are ancient and extremely interesting. Saint Cross was endowed by Henry of Blois, in 1136 to care perpetually for 13 poor brethren and to give a daily dinner to 100 others, and 310 years later, Cardinal Beaufort added another foundation which admitted old *gentlemen* as well as those of the lower class. The only distinction made between them is that the gentlemen wear dark red robes bearing a cardinal's hat and the others wear black gowns with a Jerusalem cross. (The gentlemen are not expected to work.) My guide of a black gown assured me that they all lived together in perfect harmony. They even admit wives now with the understanding that they must leave if the husband passes on first.

The Ford Hospital was founded about 1394 for old people and is one of the finest old Tudor buildings in England.

The old men I met looked very happy, and the court was a lovely place. What provision is made for aged women I have not yet found out!

Of course we were tempted toward many other fascinating localities which had to be passed by. It seems as if every spot in England was filled with historic and literary associations.

We spent 3 days in Edinburgh, to me the most beautiful city I have ever seen. Here we had rainy weather almost constantly, but even with that veil over the city we were both enthusiastic over its charms. Ruth fell upon the lovely wools to be purchased there so cheaply and nearly filled the rumble with future knitted garments for herself and friends.

Perhaps you will be interested in some of the more prosaic aspects of the trip. We found cheerful people everywhere in spite of the many serious governmental problems. The roads are splendid and usually well marked, but in the most attractive parts of the country they have so many and such sharp turns, driving is a very responsible job, and in many of the villages the streets are very narrow as well as crooked. Traffic is all to the left also. We have slept in 21 hotels and all but one were clean and comfortable. Particularly attractive are the Marine Hotel at Instow; the Keswick (Kesick) in the Lake District; the Royal Station Hotel at York; the White Hart Inn at Lincoln and the Cumberland in London which is so popular it is desirable to make reservations in advance. Until we came here, where the restaurant is managed by Lyons the menu was very monotonous. The outstanding dish everywhere was the fruit tart with delicious clotted cream. How I wished I could combine some with a good cup of American coffee!

The attitude of the English toward coffee is absolute indifference. But their teas are always delectable.

This is the tourist season and prices are higher than at other times. I think traveling as we did with a hired car (petrol is very expensive) and only two to share the expense, we probably paid as much if we had taken a conducted tour; but we saw what we wanted to see and had no sense of pressure. What we did would have been too tiring if we had not taken time for a good night's rest. We usually arrived at our destination in time for a late dinner. We started sightseeing about 10.30, stopped for lunch at 1 o'clock, went on our way again, stopped for tea about 4.30, and the evenings being long, we were seldom out after dark. As it was we both felt (when reluctantly giving up our car) that three or four weeks is enough for such constant driving and change of residence, at one time.

We found good cooperation on the road, not many inconsiderate drivers, and the Women's Rest Tour book, and the English Automobile Association membership, very helpful, and I might add that Laughlin's "So You're Going to England," indispensable with its interesting suggestions.

We heartily join in "Long Live the King," and may England always remain the heart of the British Commonwealth of Nations.

Sara E. Parson

Since October 1937, Miss Parsons and her niece Ruth Mayall, have been living in Paris and expect to remain there during the Winter. Her address is 5 Rue Fresnel, Paris 16°, France.

Leila Childs Edling — Class 1920

Missao Evangelica, Malange,
Portuguese West Africa (Angola)
September 1, 1937.

Somehow our mail schedule gets all mixed up every once in a while, and two times in succession now, the boats went by in a bunch, only a few days apart, and then for over three weeks there was not a sign of mail going north. It is demoralizing to our correspondence, for somehow we don't dig at the letters as we would if we knew they would be going out soon, and then often at the end we are extra busy over something, and get only a few letters off on the train to the coast, to catch the boat instead of the many we should send.

The chief great events that have occurred this dry season (the rains will probably be starting this month, though ours are not the continuous kind they have up on the steaming coast of Liberia) have been our annual conference, and a few trips for Ed out on the district (we hope to go along with him next year, when our Frederick is more of an independent man and easier to travel with), and getting off our

mimeographed letters to the about 250 on our combined lists, and five weeks of chicken pox,—first Betty and then Frederick.

Conference was in June, and we enjoyed having as guests at our house nineteen days, Bishop and Mrs. Springer, and the fine young secretary, Mr. Persons. They had been given a radio for their car, and although static was pretty thick most nights, still we heard snatches of clear music or speeches in European tongues from Europe or other parts of Africa,—Durban, Capetown, and Johannesburg, which are great and highly civilized cities.

It took me about five weeks after conference before I got really relaxed again, though I didn't know I was running on nerve at the time. We had such a good time with our guests. It wasn't just conference that made me feel tense after it, but plunging right at the mimeographed letters and items I had to get off for our little paper "The South Africa Missionary Advocate" and planning and making out orders for the necessary supplies we hope to have our Dr. Kemp bring out with him when he comes back from furlough at the end of October. But I have let down now and am fatter.

How glad we shall be to have our doctor back with us. Our Swedish nurse has called me in for emergencies, in fact, I took the whole clinic for $2\frac{1}{2}$ weeks in March, but it was pretty strenuous alone, and with Ed away too, part of the time, and the children to keep track of. Betty, of course, gets a vacation from her schoolwork whenever we have guests or other irregularities. In spite of it, she will get into the third grade this month.

We had three terrible obstetrical cases, all fatal, and we wished for our doctor. One was not in the least our fault, for before we had really started to do anything for her, she suddenly lay back and died. We never get any but the cases the native women give up. No, that isn't true, when the doctor is here, and even many times with a nurse, for many are now educated up to call for help early. But most of the cases they bring to us are desperate ones. This woman may have had all sorts of complicating things,—hookworms, malaria, relapsing fever coming on, most anything in this land where every adult is a miracle. Perhaps heart strain from labor.

The second case, we had to lose the baby but were so tickled to save the mother after that hard delivery, but they took her away the next day, and the next day she was dead. We never heard what happened. Maybe a hemorrhage or maybe heathenism.

The third was the worst, a nice little former school girl, a bride of a year, but a pelvis too small and misshapen, brought over 30 miles to us after two or three days of labor, a breech case, and an enormous head. We worked all night and took her in to the government doctor in the morning who finally delivered that head, but she was ripped to pieces and though he sewed her up, she died a few days later.

I shouldn't have told you all these gruesome details, for such cases are mercifully rare, though our doctor has had some very tough

ones, too, but I couldn't help giving you a bit of a glimpse of what we amateurs are sometimes called to tackle.

The chicken pox is more recent, and both kiddies had it hard,—great big lumps, fever a few days, itching, etc. Frederick would not leave the heads on, and that was worse. At one time about 58 of his lumps were like angry little boils, but, finally it all cleared up, and everybody is well and happy again, that is, at our house, though the siege goes on in the villages. It is a slow process teaching the people about contagion; as soon as the fever is down the children are considered all right, are sent to church, and everything. They tell me two things, and smile at my funny ideas about keeping the children apart: "What you are going to get, you will get anyway", and "If you run away from a disease you are doubly sure to catch it." And there you are.

The second generation will find it lots easier to get over the old superstitions and customs. There is really great progress already. The schools are teaching, teaching, teaching, and in the end there are results from "Line upon line, precept upon precept" here a little demonstration, and there a little example.

We should be glad to be remembered to any of the old friends you chance to see. That little call at the hospital is a rosy memory to me. It was so good to see the old friends.

What changes are coming to the M. G. H.! She certainly has been growing and stretching marvelously since 1920. It is a sign that she is very much alive, I am sure. We do hope to have more time in Boston next furlough.

Yes, we are about to get, that is, train good workers among our many most promising natives. We have many outstations with well trained pastor teachers and quite a group of ordained ministers now, and active schools for boys and girls, and a Bible School and industrial training too, carpentry, cobbling, etc.

Also in our houses we now have very valuable helpers to help us by cooking and cleaning and laundering, and it would be very poor economy not to use such help when it is so abundant and cheap, and saves our time and strength for the more important things. The staff is small enough at best for training the future teachers and evangelists and citizens and mothers and workers of all sorts of the future Christian Angola.

But,—I am afraid I have painted you too gloomy a picture of our life here. We are not to be pitied at all, and are very happy to be here, and very comfortable in pleasant homes screened from the death dealing mosquitoes. Our climate is very good up here on the plateau, as long as we keep clear of malaria and relapsing fever and the rest, we are able to keep in pretty good health, though of course, our systems are always full of malaria, but we keep it down with daily quin-

ine. We get to know our symptoms and signals and act accordingly.

Helen Everett, Class of 1920, is back under the Methodist Board again, as a nurse in the Belgian Congo, as she was before. It is a very heavy schedule with tremendous responsibility for a lone nurse on a station with a white family and all the natives to care for, and I hope her frail strength will hold up under it. We send messages back and forth by our Bishop every year. She is such a fine plucky girl.

News from Marion Fuller Healey (1915)

Recently Edgar L. Fuller of Melrose, Massachusetts received from his daughter, Mrs. Ernest L. Healey (Marion A. Fuller M. G. H. 1915), now in Japan, letters written to her by her husband in Shanghai, China, describing conditions there. Mrs. Healey is connected with the Shanghai American School, and along with a number of foreigners leaves Shanghai during the summer to escape the heat. When she started on her return journey this fall, she was refused passport by the U. S. officials and consequently had to return to the mountain camp in Japan where she is now marooned as far as returning to her work and husband are concerned.

Following are excerpts from the letter, which are of interest:
Shanghai, September 19, 1937

"Received your letter last night when I went to the School (Shanghai American School), had dinner there and then witnessed the air raids until it was time to go home.

"Right after dinner and while we were still in the dining room enjoying a smoke, the first air raid started. It was a beautiful moonlight night and it seemed impossible that death and destruction could be raining from such a peaceful sky. The plane went right over the Campus, but we could not see it but heard it very plainly. After about two minutes we could see the anti-aircraft fire from the Bund and then it seemed as if Hell had been let loose. The barrage was terrific and then the loud explosion as the bombs fell and found their marks. In another minute or so we heard the plane coming back and it finally disappeared in the direction of Soochow. Feeling that there would be other raids, we all went over to the No. 1 Hockey Field where the view was uninterrupted. We had hardly gotten there when four more planes went over the Campus. Again on the Whangpoo and in Hongkew the anti-aircraft guns went off and I have never seen a Fourth of July celebration to equal the sight of the bursting schrapnel shells. First the sky would be red with tracer bullets, and then the shells would burst. Explosions from the bombs were terrific and we knew from the glow in the sky that many large fires had been started. The planes came back over the Campus, but one seemed to be missing. This morning's paper states that one was brought down just beyond the D. K. K. Wharf. This raid was hardly over when another came and this time we saw one of the planes with a cabin light on. He had

evidently put on the light to read a map because he was right over the Settlement and this is not allowed. He circled back, put out his light and then went down the River to finish his job. Again we were treated to a tremendous fireworks display and heard the bombs again. This sort of thing kept up until after midnight. This morning's paper says the damage was very extensive, such plants as Ewos Cotton Mill, Melchers Godown, China Soap Company Factory, Behr & Matthews Egg Packing Plant and the Nangang Brothers Godown all going up in smoke. Many civilians in the city were hit by shrapnel and several were killed. One shell hit on Avenue Joffre, but none came as far as the School. If people would only learn to get under cover during these raids, very few would get injured. The planes are avoiding the Settlement and the danger of falling machines or bombs is negligible.

"I do not think I have ever written you about our cooking arrangements when the gas was off. About five days after the war started the Gas Company sent out a broadcast that owing to danger of shells or bombs hitting the gas mains it would be necessary to shut off the gas. Having no coal stove I was up a tree until I thought of Jan's electric stove you gave her for Christmas several years ago. I got this out and it worked like a charm. I cooked my eggs, toast and cocoa on it every morning and wasn't bothered a bit by having no gas. At least Jan has done her little bit in this war.

"During this last week it has rained almost constantly. This has been bad from the war point of view because it has held things up. To us it has been a boon because Shanghai as far as noise was concerned seemed normal again.

"This morning all is quiet on the Eastern Front except for an occasional shot from one of the ships in the harbor. These shots are going into Pootung which in my estimation is the one danger spot. Japan must clear this place before they can do much else. It is a menace to their rear and always will be as long as there are large concentrations of Chinese troops.

"Fourteen hundred American Marines get in today and I am writing this letter waiting for them to come. It will be quite a sight. I saw the Italians come in last Wednesday and it was a lot of fun. They were a fine looking bunch of men."

Shanghai, September 23, 1937

" . . . I really think that Shanghai is going to see plenty of trouble yet, possibly more than they have so far. As long as Chinese troops remain in Pootung and around the North Station, a very great danger exists. If the Japanese try to drive them out of Pootung then the Settlement will be full of shells and bullets. If they do not try to drive them out, Pootung is always a potential threat to the Japanese rear.

Mrs. Healey with her three daughters, Elaine 15 years, Janet 11

years, and Ruth Anne, 7 years, sailed from Kobe, Japan, October 13, 1937, reaching their home in Shanghai, China, on October 15, 1937. Mrs. Healey is Librarian in the Shanghai American School.

STUDENTS' PAGE

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The last two contests of the tennis season proved to be the most exciting played on our courts for a long time. The Singles semi-finals played by Bertha Sneck and Christine Oddy were won by Miss Sneck with a score of 6-2, 6-0. The finals were played by Bertha Sneck and Lucy Denio who has been runner up to Bertha for three years. The culmination of this three year feud was as much as anyone could ask for. Neither player took a point easily—they fought from the instant the game started and did not stop until the last point was taken. Lucy emerged the winner, 7-5, 6-1. And this is as good a time as any to state that their games of tennis are exceeded only by their remarkable sense of sportsmanship.

The following week these two students went out to the Newton Hospital and beat that team comparatively easily, in both Singles and Doubles. This should make us quite proud since it means the permanent ownership of the two good looking silver trophy cups which have adorned the mantel of Walcott House Living Room for the past three years.

The evening of August twenty-fifth marked the date of a very gala occasion as well as something new in the way of dances at M. G. H. We called it a Cabaret Dance and arranged card tables around the Rotunda to give our guests some atmosphere. Balloons, cellophane streamers and a system of indirect lighting gave them more of the desired atmosphere. The students, glad of the opportunity arrayed themselves in their most fetching gowns and everyone had a perfectly delightful time.

The entertainment was excellent—Virginia Kidder rendered her own inimitable selection of “St. Louis Blues” as an encore to “Yours and Mine”. Mary Gay did very well on her first appearance with “Sentimental”. A pleasant surprise to everyone was a waltz dance selection by Helen Lampinen and Alice Clarke.

Our guests for the evening included, Dr. and Mrs. Faxon, Dr.

and Mrs. Rhees, Dr. and Mrs. Hauser, Miss Ruth Sleeper and Miss Anne Taylor.

Every Monday night now Walcott House vibrates with the sounds of familiar Christmas songs which the Glee Club is rehearsing for their Annual Candlelight Service to be held on Tuesday evening, December 21st, at 8:30 o'clock in the Rotunda. The guest speaker this year is to be Dr. John Harold Ockenga, pastor of the Park Street Church. The Glee Club is under the direction of Hope Harlow, a student nurse succeeding Dorothy Smith who organized and directed the Glee Club for three years. We are going to miss Dorothy at M. G. H. in more ways than one and wish her all success for the future.

Along with Fall and Winter comes the yearly basket ball season. Many new and old candidates, coached by Miss Roberts, practice on Tuesday evenings at the Peabody House Gymnasium.

A Tap Dancing Class is an added feature to our fall activity program. This is under the direction of a student from Sargent School. Many students are taking advantage of this opportunity to accomplish the art of Tap Dancing and many others to learn the new steps.

An informal reception was given by Student Nurses Co-operative Association for the women affiliates of McLean Hospital in Thayer Living Room on the evening of October 8. Games, dancing and refreshments of cider and doughnuts provided a very enjoyable evening.

On the evening of October 29, the Student Nurses Co-operative Association was sponsor again for a costume Hallowe'en party. About 35 students attended and had an enjoyable time bobbing for apples and playing games.

The new class of 1940 entered our gates on September 1st—numbering 65 strong. The next week the "Big and Little Sister" party was held to help everyone get acquainted. Already the new class has shown a good deal of enthusiasm and are supporting all the school activities.

Student Nurses Co-operative Association has presented a new Ping Pong table to Thayer Home and plans are now under way for a Tournament.

In Memoriam

Dr. Daniel Fiske Jones

Dr. Daniel Fiske Jones died in Boston, September 11, 1937, in his 69th year.

Dr Jones who achieved international renown as a surgeon was one of the group of doctors who contributed to the development of the Massachusetts General Hospital as one of the leading Institutions of its kind in the United States.

For a number of years he was Chief Surgeon, resigning in 1929 when he reached the retirement age of 60 years.

His friend Dr. George W. W. Brewster said: "Dr. Jones has been one of the leading surgeons of America, a pioneer in the development of the successful treatment of cancer of the rectum, always giving freely of his time to spread the knowledge of surgical subjects by innumerable addresses and published articles. He was keenly interested in the medical school and its progress. His friends among the profession at large and the younger medical men are almost without number. We have lost one of the bulwarks of all the high standards for which the ideal physician stands."

In Memoriam

Alice M. Boyson — Class of 1889

Died July 14, 1937—Mrs. deLancy Cleveland nee, Alice M. Boyson, Class of 1889.

Mrs. Cleveland was left a widow a year and a half after marriage. She was the daughter of a Danish sea captain and inherited the love of the sea and always traveled that way when possible. Her last trip from Boston was taken on a slow boat (6 weeks then) to San Francisco. She entered the Presidio Army Post there and later was transferred to Fort Bayard, New Mexico, and from there to the Philippines, spent two and a half years there, then to Guadalabrara, Old Mexico in charge of a hospital until stricken with arthritis. For over ten years she was a helpless cripple in a Government hospital. She passed away in the beautiful one in San Fernando, California. The funeral was a most impressive military one in which the Veterans from Camp 78 officiated, with a bugler sounding taps. Burial was in the Spanish War Nurses lot in Sawtille, California.

Engagements

Anielli A. Danyla (1933) to Mr. Francis J. Shiels.

Barbara L. Foss (1935) to Dr. Frank L. Springer of Arlington, Mass.

Catherine Hines (1936) to Kenneth Binding of Lansing, Michigan.

Florence T. MacCallum (1932) to Mr. Otto Gahlbusch.

Marriages

Hazel Swan (1930) to John F. McAuliffe on June 23, 1937. Mr. and Mrs. McAuliffe reside at 49 Monument Square, Charlestown, Massachusetts.

Gladys L. Williams (1932) to Mr. Charles J. Stansfield in Whitinsville, Massachusetts, on August 28, 1937. Mr. and Mrs. Stansfield are living at 36 Bruce Avenue, Yonkers, New York.

Marion Elizabeth MacClellan (1935) to Mr. Edward Orchard in Wollaston, Massachusetts, on August 28, 1937.

Margaret Mary Flatley (1931) to Mr. Clifford Francis Foley in Manchester, Massachusetts, on September, 25, 1937. Mr. and Mrs. Foley will reside in Gloucester, Massachusetts.

Doris Lillian Dawson (1934) to Mr. Richard Adams Knowlton in Shirley, Massachusetts, on September 18, 1937.

Alice Jarvi (1932) to Dr. Sam Talmadge on October 9, 1937.

Grace M. Barrett (1933) to Mr. Donald B. Valentine of Watertown, Massachusetts, in Nashua, New Hampshire on October 14, 1937.

Christine H. McDonald (1930) to Valdemar Nielson in N. Y. City on August 22, 1937. At home after October 1, at 20 Phillips Street, Boston.

Jeanne Moody (1933) to M. C. F. Benner, Jr., of Lynn on October 9, 1937. At home, 107 Beacon Hill Avenue, Lynn.

Marjorie Isobelle Roberts (1933) to Charles Edwin Dearing, 2nd, in Pawtucket, Rhode Island on October 9, 1937. At home after November 1, 1937, at 8 Brimmer Street, Boston.

Lillian Balboni, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Guardo Balboni. (Lillian Dobie, 1910) to Charles L. Knight, on September 13, 1937, in Boston.

Veda E. Lohnes (1928) to Mr. Wesley S. Newell on November 1, 1937 in Somerville, Massachusetts. Mr. and Mrs. Newell are now living in Plattsburg, New York.

Winifred Dyer Parsons (1929) to John Henry Jebens, Jr., on November 12, 1937, in Babylon, Long Island. At home after December 1, in Babylon, Long Island.

Elizabeth J. Clark, (1933) to David A. Tripp on August 21, 1937, in Boston.

Regina Horton (1912) to Thomas Jackson Burke, Attorney, on July 14, 1937, at Riverside, California. They are living at the Carnegie Apartments, 950 Ninth Street, San Diego, California.

Edith Dorothy Weierich (1931) to James E. Gannon, September 16, 1937, in Chicago, Illinois. They are living in Chicago.

Marie Elizabeth Hanscom (1937) to Dr. Irvin Bensman on November 19, 1937.

Katherine Holt (1933) to Mr. Nelson Polsky on November 1, 1937, in Andover, Massachusetts.

Births

To Mr. and Mrs. William Denton Curtis (M. Jeannette Fisher 1929) a daughter, Mary Denton, on June 26, 1937, at the Providence Lying-In Hospital.

To Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Elliot (Florence Dutton 1931) a second daughter, Marcia, on July 27, 1937.

To Dr. and Mrs. John S. Rhodes (Eleanor Flint 1928) a son John Flint, on July 30, 1937, at the Rex Hospital, Raleigh, North Carolina.

To Dr. and Mrs. Frank Christian d'Elseaux (Virginia Gay 1931) a daughter Diana, on August 25, 1937, at the Richardson House of the Boston Lying-In Hospital.

To Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Smith (Elizabeth Roberts 1933) a daughter Dorothy Mae, on August 30, 1937, at the Somerville Hospital.

To Mr. and Mrs. Francis A. Smith (Peggy Dean 1930) a daughter Elinor Dean, on October 11, 1937, at the Phillips House.

To Mr. and Mrs. Edward Daniel Hallinan (Catherine McGrath 1931) a son, Daniel Edward, on November 18, 1937 at the Baker Memorial Hospital.

To Mr. and Mrs. John Joseph Hunt (Lillian Bosanquet 1933) a son, Phillip Joseph, on November 26, 1937, at the Baker Memorial Hospital.

To Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Cobb (Pearl Martin 1933) a daughter, Joanne, on September 17, 1937, at the New England Baptist Hospital.

News

Adeline Chase, B. A. (1922) is in the Department of Nursing Education of the University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Mrs. Lucy F. Martin (Lucienne Dorion 1935) is office nurse for Dr. H. S. Murphy, Gynecologist and Obstetrician of Roselle Park, New Jersey.

Sylvia Perkins (1928) will return to Teachers College Columbia University in February for a semester, to work for her M. A. degree which she hopes to obtain in June.

Mrs. D. Burt Straight (Ruth Stickney 1922) attended the Summer session at Syracuse University School of Nursing taking Public Health Nursing and general Psychology. Mrs. Straight is now School Nurse and Teacher in the newly opened Keeseville Central Rural School. She was a delegate from District No. 8 of the State Nurses Association to the joint Nurses Convention held at Lake Placid on September 28, 29 and 30, 1937. Adelaide A. Mayo (1917), Clare Dennison (1918), Claire Favreau (1925), Olive Ancill (1925) and Marion Wells (1920) were also in attendance.

Mrs. Reed (Caroline S. Hayward 1922) took the Summer Course in Red Cross Nursing at Syracuse University.

Amy E. Birge (1910) Superintendent of the Holyoke Hospital Holyoke, Massachusetts, since 1928, resigned that post on advice of her physician on November 1, 1937.

Josephine E. Thurlow (1909) has assumed the Superintendency of the North Adams Hospital, North Adams, Massachusetts.

Harriet L. Wedgewood B. S. (1919) resigned from her position at the Massachusetts General Hospital in August to accept a Public Health appointment in the Boston Health Department. Miss Wedgewood is at the Whittier Street Health Unit, Boston, Massachusetts.

Sympathy is extended to Mrs. Charles W. Paden (Mary C. Dias 1918) on the loss of her husband. Mr. and Mrs. Paden lived in Riverside, California.

Mary Rose Gullifer (Mary Rose Kelly 1916) with her sister and niece sailed from New York last September with the American Legion on their pilgrimage to the battlefields of France. They visited the Paris Exposition and Bordeaux where Mrs. Gullifer was stationed during the World War.

Alice Westcott (1913) has made a complete recovery from her automobile accident of a year ago, and was recently in Boston attending the Meeting of the Medical Librarians. Miss Westcott is Record Librarian at the Henry Haywood Memorial Hospital, Gardner, Massachusetts.

Estelle LeMaitre (1931) who took a six months Course in Operating Room management at the New York Hospital School of Nursing and was staff operating room nurse there for two months, is now anaesthetist at the Massachusetts Eye and Ear Infirmary.

Barbara S. Holmes (1931) is operating room supervisor and Olive Wilkinson (1931) is her Assistant in the Operating Room of the Malden Hospital, Malden, Massachusetts.

Hazel H. Wedgwood (1910) has been awarded a fellowship for graduate work at the Harvard School of Public Health, under a new program of study financed by the U. S. Public Health Service. Miss Wedgwood will continue as director of the nursing service at the Boston Health Department.

Mrs. W. H. Warrick (Virginia Kennen 1915) spent her annual vacation with Mr. Warrick touring Florida.

Hilda G. Blaisdell (1920) returned to her duties as Supervisor at the Massachusetts Eye and Ear Infirmary on September 7, 1937, after a four months sick leave.

Hazel Halladay (1930) resigned as head nurse at the Phillips House, September 28, 1937. Miss Halladay is specializing in neuropsychology at the New York Neurological Center of Columbia Medical School.

Inez Annear (1931) became head nurse at the Phillips House October 18, 1937.

Lucille K. Lyons (1936) resigned as floor duty nurse at the Phillips House to accept the position as Practical Arts Instructor at the New England Hospital for Women and Children, Boston.

Catherine Agnes Lynch (1936) is assistant head nurse at the Baker Memorial.

Emily Wyman (1936) is specialling at the Phillips House.

Mrs. Lewis Wilson (Mae H. Watts 1913), Gula R. Boyce (1928) and Mabel F. Wheeler (1913) have been patients in Ward E, all making favorable progress.

The many friends of Alice Maude Townsend (1916) will be sorry to hear she is a patient at the Newark Hospital, Newark, New York. All wish her a speedy recovery.

Minnie S. Hollingsworth (1897) while visiting her mother in Oteen, North Carolina, called on Alice Buchanan (1915) at the U. S. Veterans Hospital. Miss Hollingsworth found Miss Buchanan very pleasantly located, cheerful and delighted to see her and to hear news from the M. G. H. We all wish Miss Buchanan was nearer Boston.

Minnie Sewell Yens (1925) relieved in the office during the Summer as supervisor of student health. Beginning November 1, Abby Choate (1926) continues to substitute for Miss Fraser.

Mrs. Livingstone (Annie E. Parker 1891) resigned as matron of the Walcott House on October 1, 1937. She has held this position since 1925, when the building was the "New Home".

Dorothy Smith (1936) resigned as head nurse on the Pediatric Ward on November 1, 1937. Since her graduation, she had continued as leader of the Glee Club, whose concerts have been so successful.

Miss Nancy Fraser is convalescing from her illness and is now in the guest room at Walcott. She is progressing slowly but surely. We hope she will soon regain her well known vigor.

Those who knew Dr. H. P. Greeley as House Officer in 1910 will be interested to know that his daughter, Hannah Greeley, came from the University of Wisconsin to take the new training course in personnel administration at Radcliffe College. She came to the hospital on August 30 under the direction of the Social Service Department. This was a part of her field work.

Several of the McLean men graduates, who affiliated at M. G. H. as students, relieved at the hospital during the summer, on ward F and in the O. P. D.

"Open House" at the hospital, a feature of the program of the Community Federation, was held on November 4. About eighty-five visitors attended, a number of them being high school girls, interested in a possible future course in nursing. The head nurses acted as guides, in taking the visitors through the parts of the hospital in which they were interested. Coffee was served in the Rotunda by the members of the Ladies' Visiting Committee.

Helen Burgess (1928) who has been second assistant to the superintendent of nurses since January 1935 has resigned. She had held several other positions in the hospital; that of head nurse and lower ward supervisor. She was succeeded on December first by Nettie L. Fisher (1911).

Miss Minnie Hollingsworth has contributed many copies of old nursing magazines which have helped greatly to fill up the vacancies in our lists.

The following members of the staff are taking outside college courses this winter; Cordelia King, Edna Lepper, Harriet McCollum.

Also, at Simmons, Sylvia Abbott, Virginia Bailey, Leona Bean are taking Public Health Nursing. The following nurses are taking the course in Ward Administration: Dorothea Bailey, Eva Borrner, Leonille Dufault, Blanche Haley, Elizabeth Harworth, Bessie McLellan, Christine Nielson.

Excavating is still in progress preparing for the foundation of the new "George Robert White Building". Much difficulty has been encountered in securing a solid foundation. Two pile drivers are busy driving steel pilings which are filled with concrete, to a depth of between thirty and seventy feet.

New Appointments—Jane Hinckley (1932) as chief night supervisor. Alice Gustafson (1933) formerly chief night supervisor, as head nurse in Ward G. Hendricka Vanderschurr (1935) formerly in the Emergency Ward, as head nurse on Ward 30. Marion Decker (1937) as head nurse in the Emergency Ward. Helen Voight (1933) as head nurse on Ward 4. Phyllis Rivard Gall (1931) resigned as head nurse on Ward 4, when this unit was closed in the Spring. Leonille Dufault (1936) as head nurse on Ward 29. Frances Smith (1937) as head nurse on Pediatric Ward.

Dr. and Mrs. Hugh L. Robinson (Olga Olsen 1915) and their four children Segrin 12, Charles 10, Gudrun 8, and John 3, are safe in their home at Tungchow, China. For four months Mrs. Robinson and the children were at their sea-shore cottage in Paitaho, China, and unable to return to Tungchow as the town was in the midst of the Japanese invasion. Dr. Robinson's Hospital was completely disorganized, their compound used for sheltering refugees and the whole settlement upset. It is now history and known as the "Tungchow Massacre". Olga writes that they are receiving very little mail and are not permitted to visit Shanghai.

Olga DeVincentis (1931) resigned as head nurse of Baker Memorial 6th floor, to be married. Miss DeVincentis will be succeeded by Mable Crowe (1937).

Edna Mae Mack (1937) is doing floor duty on Ward E.

Mrs. Stanford William Hopkins (Lois Edith Alexander 1936) has resigned from the Allergy Clinic. Dr. and Mrs. Hopkins will reside in Marblehead, Massachusetts.

Leona White (1916) was appointed Superintendent of Nurses of the Malden Hospital on October 1, 1937.

Margaret Pratt (1933) flew from Mexico City on September 23rd with a patient for the Phillips House.

Mrs. Georgiana Hatch Gifford (1931) writes from 4111 Baltic Street, Jacksonville, Florida, that since March 1, 1937 she has been City Public Health Nurse under Civil Service.

Rita Corbett (1923) resigned in September from the Boston Lying-In Hospital to accept the appointment of Superintendent at Stillman Infirmary, Harvard University.

Mary Ormond (1936) was a recent visitor at the hospital. She is now Medical Supervisor at the Hahnemann Hospital, Philadelphia.

Sallie Whitcomb (1937) is working at Stillman Infirmary, Harvard University.

Grace Gummo (1920) has been appointed Superintendent of Nurses at the Burbank Hospital in Fitchburg, Massachusetts.

Catherine Leonard (1937) recently joined the staff of the Burbank Hospital in Fitchburg as Instructor in Theory and Thelma Inglis (1936) is Instructor in Nursing Practice at the same hospital.

Flora Abbot (1937) is working with the Visiting Nurses Association in Canton, Massachusetts.

Barbara Kellog (1937) is doing county public health nursing in the State of Vermont.

Elizabeth Ulrich (1937) has recently taken a position with the Visiting Nurses Association in New Haven, Connecticut.

Many M. G. H. Graduates will be interested in the following marriages: Miss Bertha E. Nelson was married to Mr. Everett Center on October 16, 1937, at Winthrop, Massachusetts. Miss Nelson was the first Physical Social Director at the M. G. H.

Mary Caldwell Murray to Mr. William Curtis Gornell in Christ Church, Cranbrook, Bloomfield Hills, Michigan, on September 19, 1937. Miss Murray was Physical Director from 1930 to 1933.

Mrs. Edward H. Bryant (Alice Keany 1910) has charge of the medical floor at Edgewater Hospital in Chicago.

Rhoda M. Woodward (1932) writes that she is teaching at the Thomas D. Dee Memorial Hospital in Ogden, Utah. This hospital is affiliated with Weber College, a junior college of the University of Utah. She had been living with her father, whom she lost last June. Among her first duties at this hospital was to plan and open a central supply room.

Jean Farley is doing night duty at a small community hospital near Columbus, Georgia. There are 15 beds and operating and delivery rooms. She has entire charge at night but finds her work interesting and is enjoying it.

Jessie Stewart (1935) and Marie Scherer (1936) head nurse and instructor at the Massachusetts Eye and Ear Infirmary are taking a course in Educational Sociology at Boston University School of Education.

Mrs. Don Snow (Mildred M. Hubbard 1915) was a patient recently at the Maine Eye and Ear Infirmary, Portland, Maine, following an appendectomy. Mr. and Mrs. Snow spend the Summer at their cottage at Old Orchard, Maine, and the Winters at Winter Park, Florida.

Miss Kathryn Lovejoy (1936) of Malden, Massachusetts, and Miss Esther Greiner (1937) of Lafayette, Indiana, sailed from Boston, November 28, 1937, on the Italian liner "Vulcania" for a Mediterranean Cruise. Accompanying them was Mr. Edward Lovejoy.

Mrs. C. P. Chadbourne (Helen Oakes 1932) is relieving in the Phillips House Office for Agnes J. Trull (1913). Miss Trull is spending two months with her father in Fort Lauderdale, Florida.

Elizabeth Rogers (1932) is Director of Health and Physical Education at St. Margaret's School, Tokyo, Japan.

Efficient Service Recognized

Officers of the Clinton Hospital paid tribute to Miss Emma A. Mortimer (1904) Superintendent of the Clinton Hospital on her fifth anniversary, December 1, 1937.

Receiving the congratulations of approximately 50 men and women, most of them long identified with the founding and growth of the hospital; hearing her accomplishments lauded by the head of the institution; receiving a gift, in the form of a letter of appreciation and a check for a substantial sum and graciously accepting the good wishes of the assembled guests for many more years of service in the community, Miss Mortimer may well look back, in the coming days, to an event of more than ordinary significance in her career.

Through the kindness of Mrs. Bayard Thayer, of George Hill, Lancaster, who has constantly shown her active interest in the wel-

fare and progress of the hospital, the trustees, members of the staff, and of the visiting committee and the Hospital Guild, gathered at her home, between the hours of four and six o'clock to pay their respects to the guest of honor. In the receiving line, welcoming the guests were Dr. Walter P. Bowers, who has continuously served as president of the hospital since its founding. Mrs. Thayer, Chairman, and Mrs. John Chandler, of Chace Hill Road, Sterling, secretary of the corporation, and Miss Mortimer, the guest of honor.

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Then Heaven tries the earth if it be in tune,
And over it softly her warm ear lays:
Whether we look or whether we listen;
We hear life murmur or see it glisten;
Every cloud feels a stir of might,
An instinct within it that reaches and towers,
And, groping blindly above it for light,
Climbs to a soul in grass and flowers.

JAMES RUSSELL LOWELL

Graduation, 1938

Graduation Exercises were held at the hospital on Friday, February 4th. The weather was propitious and the rotunda was filled, upstairs and down with the graduating class and their guests, alumnae and friends of the school and hospital. Mr. Kidder, President of the Corporation, presided. The guest speaker, Dean Bernice Brown Cronkhite of Radcliffe, spoke understandingly of the experiences and needs of a group of young women entering a great profession. Miss Johnson's annual report of the school was eagerly anticipated by all alumnae present, and is now available to those who could not hear it that evening. During the evening the Glee Club sang twice to an appreciative audience. The graduating class, standing individually as their names were read, numbered 74. The program ended with a reception in the "brick corridor" and dancing in the rotunda.

The Report of the Training School for Nurses

by SALLY JOHNSON, R.N., *Principal*

Graduation Exercises of 1938

Nearly every winter, my brother remarks, "We could well spare this month of February from our calendar. It is so cold and bleak and raw." Being a typical Yankee, I think he says "rawr", far more descriptive. There are many who agree with him, among others, the parents who attend these graduation exercises of their daughters. Annually, I am asked why we have graduation in February, "of all months in the year." It is because every class enters in two sections: one in the late winter, and the other in September. Therefore, one group finishes in February, and they are soon widely scattered. To return for graduation would be an anticlimax.

As this hospital has in all of its departments about 450 graduate nurses, including specials, we are glad that the majority of each graduating class remain at home. It is obvious that we need new recruits to fill the constantly occurring vacancies. But all should not remain under the parent roof; that is good for neither the institution nor the nurse. Already the geographical spread of last year's class is from Vermont out through Colorado, and on to California, and back to North Carolina. Four are in administration, thirteen in public health, and seven are full time instructors. How do these young graduates hold such responsible positions? There are two answers: first, the demand for nurses prepared to fill these positions exceeds the supply; second, nearly every one of this group had from one to five years in college, either before beginning her preparation in the

school of nursing or as a part of that preparation. And with these years came a certain maturity.

This is just the place to speak of our new relationship with Simmons College, which we hope will attract to this school a larger number of young women who have already had two years of college; not only because of their advanced academic preparation, but because of their increased maturity. This new arrangement with Simmons College makes it possible for graduates of the Massachusetts General Hospital school, who have satisfactorily completed in an approved college a two year academic program acceptable to Simmons College, to obtain from that college a Bachelor of Science degree in one year. The first group of nine students affiliating from the newly organized Simmons College School of Nursing completed their year's affiliation in January. They have done well. In our opinion, their success is due not only to a sound basic preparation but also to the maturity which comes with the two and one-half years that followed high school graduation.

Looking back over the year just closed, there seem to have been four main accomplishments: improvement in the methods of teaching, a detailed study of the school resulting in definite recommendations, a recataloging and reorganization of the school library, and active participation in the planning and equipment of the George White Building.

Each group brings a greater number of the teaching techniques used in other forms of education: the so-called socialized forms of instruction such as the conference, the discussion, the symposium, the panel, and the seminar; the problem method, the case study, and the project; even the beginnings of a reading period. Workers in the Social Service Department have made it possible for students taking the course in sociology to visit the homes of patients. This year, the Chief of the Medical Service and the Chief of a Surgical Service gave the first classes in medical and surgical nursing respectively.

The rapid development of medicine has made it necessary for the nurse to master an ever increasing body of knowledge and to acquire skill in an ever increasing number of nursing procedures. Because it has been necessary for the students to give so much of their time to the actual nursing care of the patients on the wards, it has been impossible to find the opportunity to teach this mass of new material at the bedside, where it would have had to be taught to only a few at once and the instruction repeated again and again. Therefore, these new techniques are taught in the class room to larger groups. With far too little assistance and supervision, the students have been left to work out their own methods of transference from practice on one another in the class room to the actual care of the patients in the wards. One of the most salient and most prized features of nursing education is the opportunity to learn by practicing in an actual nurs-

ing situation. The ward of a hospital is no artificial practice field. It is a real life situation. While schools of nursing have always had this highly prized set up for teaching, they have been unable to make the best use of it. This is because the student nurses have been there primarily as workers and not as learners. But gradually, over a period of several years, hospitals have transferred a part of the ever increasing load to other workers: orderlies, ward helpers, ward secretaries, dietitians, and, of late, to graduate floor duty nurses. In the wards of this hospital we have had, at certain times of the year, a number of volunteer hospital aides. Meanwhile, head nurses and ward instructors have become better prepared and have come to realize that they have a responsibility for the preparation of the student nurse as well as for the care of the patient. The medical staff also have a greater realization of their teaching responsibilities. There is an increase in the number of bedside clinics given by house officers, residents, and occasionally by Visiting Men. As a result of all these factors, and an almost fierce determination on the part of the ward instructors, there has been a planned program of two hours a week of ward instruction.

One result of this improved ward instruction program, although it is hard to tell which is cause and which is effect, is the change of attitude between student and ward instructor. Not so long ago, and through no fault of her own, the supervisor had to appear to expect, although she did not actually, the impossible from the student. The result could be only unhappiness for all concerned. Today there is a greater effort made to place the various demands in their relative importance and then on a teacher-learner activity basis, find the best possible solution. The improvement in our methods of teaching, both in the class room and on the ward, is the first major accomplishment of the year.

For some time, we have been talking about certain needs of the school: among others, the need for field experience in mental nursing for all students, more emphasis on the teaching of health, a uniform field experience for all nurses, a shorter day, a lighter nursing service load per student, more time for study, a more mature student, and a larger number of graduate floor duty nurses. Our graduates need to have certain knowledges and skills, without which, it is true, they can be reasonably successful so long as they practice within the rather limited hospital field but which are most essential to their success when they practice out in the community. These needs are concerned with knowledge of community resources, preventive measures, teaching principles and techniques, and a greater understanding of the patient as an individual.

There is only one reason why all this is not included in the curriculum, namely, its cost. Over sixty years ago, hospitals learned that one way to keep down the cost of the nursing care of their patients was to establish a school of nursing. Today, the content of

the curriculum of a good school of nursing contains much that cannot be learned during the process of caring for hospital patients. Much must be taught in the class room and in the laboratory—perhaps through affiliation with other hospitals or even out in the health organizations of the community. These are among the many reasons why a hospital can no longer maintain a school at low cost. All kinds of opinions have been expressed relative to the various aspects of these situations. But opinions unsubstantiated by facts are of little value. The collecting of a large number of substantiating facts is a time-consuming process and cannot be done by a person who is already doing full time work. So a small committee was appointed to study the school and make recommendations. Miss Sleeper, who holds the dual position of assistant principal of the school and assistant superintendent of nurses, was relieved from her responsibilities for a time in order that she might make a survey of the school. Miss Sleeper stated that her first problem was to make an outline of an educational program for a hospital school of nursing which will prepare nurses to meet more nearly the needs of today. Her second problem was to estimate the approximate cost of the installation and administration of such a curriculum in the Massachusetts General Hospital. During the late spring and early summer, Miss Sleeper worked with the administration and teaching staff and with the Study Committee. In July, a report was presented to the Study Committee, who in turn presented it, with recommendations, to the Trustees of the Hospital. These recommendations named the steps necessary to accomplish the ends desired and estimated the approximate cost of each step. We now have the facts to substantiate our opinions. The study has been a very informing experience for all concerned. We now have a definite plan which can be interpreted to any potentially interested philanthropist or educational foundation. This study is the second major accomplishment of the year.

For reasons, obvious to those who are familiar with the development of nursing, the library, which has filled so important a place in other fields of education, has been slow to take its place in schools of nursing. A book budget is a very recent development and, even now, there is small allowance for books on subjects allied to nursing. There are several reasons why there has been rapid growth in the use of nursing libraries: a larger body of nursing literature, improvement in teaching methods, and increase in the number of graduates who use them. Aided by a small annual budget and gifts from other hospital libraries, from committee members, publishers, and other individuals, our library has grown to the number of approximately twelve hundred volumes. The form of cataloging used has long been obsolete. Attempts to use this catalog and, in fact, to use the library itself, have been very time-consuming, and student nurses having far too little time, at best, to use a library, should not be hindered

by an antiquated cataloging system. Anyone knows that to be truly effective a library should be properly classified, fully cataloged, and in charge of an adequately prepared librarian. The Advisory Committee to the Training School for Nurses has a sub-committee on the library. Through this committee's interest and activity, a graduate from the library school of Simmons College, a young woman who has specialized in nursing school libraries, was procured to classify, catalog and organize ours. This young woman, Miss Maxine Bailey, began work as a volunteer and was then financed for a few months by the Ladies of the Advisory Committee. In May, the hospital allotted a sum of money for this particular piece of work. Miss Bailey has established a library situation where the books are conveniently and quickly accessible, where there is an atmosphere of study, where it is possible to make a maximum use of minimum time, and where a new respect for library uses and rules has been developed. The result has been happier teachers and students, with both teaching and learning on a higher plane. In the budget submitted for the year 1938, a trained librarian was listed as the greatest need for the development of the educational program of the school. This work on the reorganization of the library is the third major activity of the year.

It seems hardly necessary to tell you that we are building a great new structure. To us who have lived with the noise, it seems as though wherever you may live you must have heard the bang of the huge pile drivers. The George White Building, fourteen stories for the care of surgical patients, has begun. It will house the supplementary services of operating room, laboratories, and X-ray. In it will be the administrative offices of the General Hospital. You of the alumnae will be glad to know that the building will provide new kitchens, serving rooms, and dining rooms. Its planning, erecting, and equipping is an undertaking of considerable magnitude. The persons who participate in all this are counted not by the score but by the hundreds. Those who will use this building are counted by the hundreds. No one knows more about those factors which contribute to the efficiency of such a building than do those who work in it. These physicians, nurses, dietitians, technicians, and maintenance workers must interpret their needs to the architects and builders. The largest group to use the new building will be the nurse group. With two exceptions, the laboratory and the kitchen floors, nurses will work on every floor and in every part of every floor. One expects to find them on the typical wards, but it is easy to forget that there are groups of nurses at work in the Emergency Ward, the operating room, the X-ray Department, and administrative offices. It is, therefore, plain to be seen that nurses who know what constitutes the best working conditions for nurses should be able to read the plans, give advice relative to such plans, and, furthermore, should be convincing enough

to have their advice taken. Now it is far easier to take no part in all this planning, for such work is very time-consuming and meanwhile the regular work of each department must go on. The co-ordination of all this building has been delegated to Dr. Seem, who has had wide experience in hospital planning. He has made scores of trips across the back of this Rotunda en route to our offices to consult, to suggest, and to question. Due to the pressure of other work, my feelings toward these calls sometimes have been about as cordial as were the feelings of the little pig in the movie "The Three Little Pigs" when he yanked in the "Welcome" doormat. But we do appreciate Dr. Seem's interest in our behalf and his patience with our impatience. The nurses of the Massachusetts General Hospital are grateful for a hospital Director, Dr. Faxon who believes in cooperative planning. The fourth major activity of the graduate staff of the Training School for Nurses has been their participation in the planning and equipping of the George White Building.

Believing that extra-curricula or social activities contribute to the all-round development of the students, and realizing that student nurses, because of the physical and emotional strains which are inseparable from their work with sick people, need to be encouraged to participate in these extra-curricula activities, considerable time and energy are given to this program. Perhaps with us the primary function is still that of having a good time. But their secondary function is that of providing opportunity for the students to learn to manage, under guidance, their own affairs. Through these activities, they learn to conduct meetings and to participate in them, to work through committees, to develop the qualities of leadership, and, what is equally important, to be good followers. The largest organized group is the Glee Club. The Candle Light Christmas Service, Easter Music Festival, and singing at "Pops" on Alumnae Night have become established customs. As a result of interschool tennis tournaments, four silver cups, now permanently owned by the school, adorn the mantel-piece of the Walcott House. Other groups of students belong to the book, bridge, or tap-dancing classes. As you would expect, the class in social dancing has a large attendance. The Student Nurses' Cooperative Association and class organizations have a double function: an opportunity for the students to learn how to administer their own school affairs on a democratic basis, and the creation of a residence and social situation which is largely of their own making.

There has been a creditable growth in nursing literature during the last few years. This year, our own group has contributed its share. Mary Chayer has revised her book, *School Nursing*; Lyyli Ekland has revised Abby-Helen Dennison's *A Text Book of Eye, Ear, Nose and Throat Nursing*. Florence Kempf (Lakeside Hospital School of Nursing), now assistant principal of this school, has assisted with a book on psychology which is now ready for the pub-

lishers. Perhaps the most important contribution to the nursing literature of the year is *Introduction to the Principles of Nursing Care*, by Martha Ruth Smith and a group of collaborators. Miss Smith is a graduate of the Peter Bent Brigham School and is one of the assistant principals here at this school. Then there is *Sue Barton, Senior Nurse* which followed *Sue Barton, Student Nurse*, written by Helen Boylston, M.G.H., 1917. This book is classified as fiction, but to us much of it is fact. The book is pleasant reading, portrays the dignity and the integrity of a great hospital, and makes even the layman realize something of the love which such a hospital engenders in its workers.

This school has one of the largest alumnae associations in the country. It numbers nearly ~~4200~~ 4200. It is an important organization but, like others of its kind, it could be an even greater power for good. One step in the right direction is the creation of a private duty nurses' committee which will study and seek to remedy the needs of the private nurse. When the day of the private duty nurse was twelve hours, there was little opportunity or desire to give to or to benefit from the nursing organizations. With the eight hour day, it is now possible for this group to attend meetings and find there the same pleasure and stimulation that other groups have long been able to enjoy. On the eight hour schedule, it is also possible for the private duty nurse to attend classes in the local educational institutions. And classes in every kind of subject are available in this City of Boston. As always, a growing number of our graduates have been ambitious enough to continue their studies. Miss Gladys Lawrence has reached the Ph.D. level of academic education, the second alumna to do so.

There have been appointments to important positions: among others, of Mary Shepard to that of superintendent of nurses at the Cambridge Hospital; of Eleanor Beebe as assistant professor of public health nursing at the University of California in Los Angeles; of Adaline Chase to the corresponding position at the University of Pennsylvania; and of Katharine Faville as the director of the Henry Street Settlement in New York City.

At college commencements, it is customary to confer honorary degrees on persons who have made important contributions to the work of the world. A hospital school of nursing has no degree conferring power, but it can in other ways publicly acknowledge the accomplishment of individuals. It has often been done from this platform.

I wish to pay such honor to an alumna of this school, one who has this year retired from active service, Carrie M. Hall, creator of, and for twenty-five years principal of the Peter Bent Brigham Hospital School of Nursing; one time president of the Alumnae Association of the Massachusetts General Hospital Training School for

* I want to refer to Alumnae Association
not to no. of graduates; there is a difference.

Nurses, of the Suffolk County Central Directory, of the Massachusetts State Nurses Association, of the National League of Nursing Education; Chief Nurse of the American Red Cross Nursing Service in Great Britain and in France; mentioned in dispatches by Sir Douglas Haig and awarded medals for distinguished service by His Majesty King George V, by the French Government, and by the International Red Cross. A woman of fine citizenship, of great executive ability, and of great capacity for friendship. Nurses have honored Miss Hall and she, in turn, has honored nursing.

While only a few have the capacity and the opportunity to climb to the heights that have been reached by the women whose names I have mentioned, every nurse can strive to the limit of her own ability.

We pray that these young women graduating tonight may have the strength for that strife.

"Not in rewards, but in the strength to strive,
The blessing lies."

Where to Write

1. Send letters for publication of marriages, births, engagements, news, queries as to addresses, etc., to Dorothy M. Tarbox, Massachusetts Eye and Ear Infirmary, Boston, Massachusetts.
2. Change of address to, Walborg L. Peterson, Massachusetts Eye and Ear Infirmary, Boston, Massachusetts.
3. Annual dues with change of address, to Anne Lyons Twomey, Massachusetts General Hospital, Boston, Massachusetts.
4. Send obituary notices to, Elizabeth Hatlow, 1111 Boylston Street, Boston, Massachusetts.
5. Send Sick Relief dues to, Elizabeth Hatlow, 1111 Boylston Street, Boston, Massachusetts.
6. Send donations for the Endowment Fund to, Miss Sally Johnson, Mass. Gen. Hosp., Boston, Massachusetts.
7. For the Loan Fund to, Miss Katherine Pierce, John Hancock Mutual Life Insurance Co., Boston, Massachusetts.

M. G. H. Caps

Purchase from Miss Eunice Bradstreet, the Thayer, Massachusetts General Hospital. Price 35 cents, mail order 6 for \$2.30. 3 for \$1.25, postpaid. Caps may also be purchased from Mrs. Mary E. McKay, 18 Conant Street, Portland, Maine, and from Miss Hannah M. Wood, 423 East 64th Street, Apt. 47, 2nd Stairway, New York City.

THE ALUMNAE

Massachusetts General Hospital Nurses Alumnae Association ANNUAL REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT

1937 has not been an eventful year in our organization, but we hope that its inactivity will prove to have been in preparation for real achievement in 1938.

The meetings of the National League of Nursing Education in Boston in the spring created some professional stir among the nurses of Massachusetts; some of our Alumnae members helped with the meetings, and many of us shared their benefits. Miss Williams attended the meetings of the International Council of Nurses in London, and brought back to us her enthusiastic report which was printed in the Quarterly. We hope that these larger contacts may be continued and extended, for the largest alumnae association in the state must take its share of responsibility beyond its own gates. It seems important just now that we watch developments that may lead to new legislation to affect nursing conditions in Massachusetts. Increasing numbers of subsidiary workers, labor questions, and general unemployment are distressing problems to which we must be alert, both individually and collectively.

The various committee reports have given you the detailed activities of the year. We are grateful to all who have served in the various offices and on committees. The achievement of the organization depends to a large extent upon the services of individual members who are willing to give their time and energy in the interest of the whole. If we could persuade more of our members to undertake this service, we could multiply our effectiveness greatly, within our own group, in the hospital, and in the larger relationships of the professional organizations. Have we not depended too much upon members who live here at the hospital to carry on the work of the Alumnae Association? More of those who live outside, but near enough to attend the meetings, should be willing to share the work, and to bring in new points of view to broaden our perspective. Interest in an organization and the ultimate benefit to be drawn from membership grow in proportion to the amount of personal effort that one is willing to give to it. The Alumnae Association should be the training ground for activity in state and in national work, and the splendid history and rich tradition of our school should give constant encouragement to its graduates to take the initiative in professional work. Couldn't each one of us resolve to do

something this year to make our Alumnae Association more effective? We know that the ability is here. Let's have many achievements to count when we close the books for 1938.

I want to encourage particularly the private duty nurses who have made such a good beginning in the organization of their unit. We expect great things from you, and we are confident that you will produce them. We are also keenly interested in the growth of our New York group, which promises another centre of worthwhile activity. There is something that every one can do. We have to depend upon you individually to tell us what you can do, and what you are willing to do. We shall expect everyone to say "yes" when asked to serve on a committee or to take an office, but we want you to go further and to volunteer to do something that hasn't been done before.

This spirit of cooperative interest to which I have referred is finely exemplified in the thoughtful generosity of Miss Laura Wilson, in presenting her school pin to the Association. It is this spirit of service that she would like to pass on to her younger sisters through her pin that has seen long use in an active nursing career. And it is this spirit that all of us want to foster in our Alumnae Association in the year 1938.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary E. Shepard,

President.

Annual Report of the Treasurer for the Year 1937

Our Bank Balance in the State Street Trust Company on January 1, 1938, was \$567.37. Our Savings Bank Accounts including the Emergency Fund and Co-operative Bank, show our holdings to be \$3318.60 in addition to ten Serial Shares in Boston Co-operative Bank (now the Federal Loan and Savings Bank) on which we are paying the regular monthly dues.

We received \$3686 for Membership dues, \$1436 of which was paid to the Treasurer of District No. 5 to cover the membership of our Active members in the State Nurses' Association. The Printing of the Quarterly has cost us \$920.10. Aside from the usual expenses of other printing, postage, stationery and clerical assistance, we have purchased a new storage cabinet and typewriter for the use of the Treasurer. We have made the usual contributions to the Isabel Hampton Robb Fund, McIsaac Loan Fund, Massachusetts General Hospital Loan Fund, National League of Nursing Education, Nurses' Vacation House and the Florence Nightingale International Foundation. We have also contributed one-half the cost of the new Encyclopedia Britanica for the Training

School Library. The total disbursements for the year 1937 were \$3894.50, all of these items were provided for in the budget drawn up by our Finance Committee the first of the year.

Annual Report of the Program Committee for the year 1937

The annual business meeting in January allowed only a short program, but Dr. Arthur B. Lyon, who talked to us about "Old Books and First Editions", was an enthusiastic speaker, and succeeded in arousing much interest in his subject. He brought with him some of his treasures for us to see.

In February, the hospital chef demonstrated the preparation of fancy dishes. He was very generous with his explanations, and all were delighted with his very useful and interesting suggestions.

The March meeting was attended by one hundred and fifty people. Miss Lepper, Miss Harrington, and Miss Convelski demonstrated the use of tidal drainage, Wagenstein suction, and constant intravenous administration. These supervisors spent much time and energy in preparing their demonstration, and deserve much credit for their excellent program.

Dr. Richard Schatzki gave an interesting lecture on X-ray therapy at the April meeting.

No formal meeting was held in May, and in its place the program committee took the responsibility for the M. G. H. night at the Pops. This is included in the report of the Endowment Fund Committee.

The first regular meeting in the fall, held in October, was addressed by Dr. J. Lerman, whose subject was the endocrine glands and their effect upon the personality. With the help of very interesting slides, he explained the use of endocrine therapy in dysfunction of the thyroid, pituitary, and adrenal glands, in personality disorders occurring during the menopause period, and in acne vulgaris occurring in late adolescence or early adult life. This talk was extremely interesting and instructive.

In November, Dr. Sidney Cabot continued the thought of the previous meeting with a discussion of the effect of emotion and environment upon personality. Much of his talk was based upon the investigations of Dr. Dunbar, reported in her book "Body Changes from Emotional Disturbances". The study of personality is to be continued in another program coming early in 1938.

No program was planned for December, in order that Alumnae members might attend the Candle-light Service presented during Christmas week by the Student Glee Club. This annual treat is coming to be an established institution to which we all look forward with great anticipation. It was impressive and stirring this year.

Respectfully submitted,

Margaret Reilly, Chairman.

Mount Pleasant Home,
301 South Huntington Avenue, Boston
February 4, 1938.

Dear Friends:

Knowing that some of you are concerned about my having gone into a Home to live, I am asking the privilege of space in the Quarterly to assure you that I am very fortunate to be so pleasantly situated. Do be grateful with me that such homes are made possible for old men and women of modest means. To be sure they are charitable in the best sense of the word, but no more so than are our hospitals. Even those who go to the Phillips House are beneficiaries of the kind and generous thought that established the Massachusetts General Hospital and that continues to maintain it.

Do come and see what a really pleasant place the Mount Pleasant Home is. I have a lovely room with all my own furnishings, and from my window by my desk I look out over the Fenway towards the setting sun. I like the other residents very much, and all the better because they represent various interests.

Altogether I have lived in nine different institutions and never in any where there was more efficient service or a pleasanter atmosphere. The food is excellent, the menu varied and the service individualized to the taste of each, as I never have seen it done before. Just as I thought I knew we would have bacon for breakfast I was surprised with griddle cakes! One Friday when I expected cod or haddock for dinner, delicious scallops were served.

For those who require medical care there is a very nice infirmary, four fine nurses and a doctor in attendance. The night nurse who got her training at St. Luke's, N. Y., makes the rounds of the house every hour and if any one wants a hot drink or attention she can put her light on and the nurse will come in.

We can use the laundry the last three days of the week if we wish. There are no rules except to be prompt at meals if possible. We are free to go and come as we please, and believe me, I am very happy with all my usual activities and am wondering when I shall get caught up with my reading and writing.

I ought to have said before that there are only about forty-five residents in this Home. The one next to us has more than 200 I am told.

I thank all of you for your good cards and letters, many of which had a nice Christmas journey to London or Paris and came safely back again to my desk where I was happy to find them when I arrived January 10th.

Hoping you will call on me when you come to Boston, I am
Faithfully yours,

Sara E. Parsons

My telephone is Jamaica 1667.

**Extracts of letters received from Alumnae in various parts
of the world.**

American Board Mission,
T'unghsien, Peiping East, China,
October 31, 1937.

Dear Folks,

Again it is October, and if this letter, in its Christmas folder, is to get to you in time, we must begin now to have holiday thoughts. It is not easy to feel Christmas-y with green grass and blazing zinnias and marigolds outdoors, but you may be sure that when the birthday of Christ does come, we shall be thinking especially of those of you to whom this goes.

Were we to write you the sort of a letter which would faithfully report our thoughts, doings, and environment during the last four months, and more especially those of some of our friends and colleagues, the paper would be consumed before it reached you. It is perhaps well that we do not find it feasible to do anything much but to ask you to read between the lines, and to ponder a little more carefully about world events, perhaps, because you know some one who lives in North China. I do not mean that this extra thought is to be because of us as persons; not at all; — we can fold, if not our tents, at least our clothing, and depart, if ever it seems wise, but there are others who have nowhere to go except to that bourne whence no traveler returns. And of those, sent thence in their tender youth and in their prime, belonging to no combatant group, we heard poignant reports a day or so ago, as we gathered with our neighbors of the race we are here to serve, to worship a common God, who in these days seems so much nearer to us all.

Jefferson Academy and Goodrich Girls' school opened their doors to students, and have not been disappointed. Though we now do not offend any power by speaking of it in any but affectionate terms in our school text-books, there was some concern lest our students all go elsewhere, for our fair city saw rather desperate days during the summer. However, there are 400 students in the two schools, and more drifting in every day. These two schools have such a good reputation that it takes even more than the present state of affairs to keep parents from sending their children here.

Beginning the last of July the hospital has suffered seriously as a result of hostilities. Its situation just at the South Gate of the city, where two battles took place, made it neither a safe nor comfortable place for staff and patients. Half of the population of this city fled to places the inhabitants thought would be safer. The number of patients began to increase as the weeks passed but still there are less than the usual number. So for the first time since 1925

when we came to China I have heard Hugh actually complain of not enough clinical work to do.

Unhappily our North China American School was not allowed by our Embassy to open here September first, although the departing principal, Mr. H. W. Robinson, returning to our own mission after being loaned to the school for three years, thought it wise to do so. In this view he was supported by others, but because of the utterances of our careful State Department, a number of parents felt, naturally, reluctant to send their children here. So a temporary arrangement was made with the Peking American School, with a boarding department managed by our N.C.A.S. The teachers and a few of the students liked living in Peking and being part of a gayer and larger group, so the move back to T'ungchow, which will take place tomorrow, has not been an entirely joyful prospect to them, but the loyalty of the great majority of the students and their parents indicates how deeply the need for such a school as this is felt. We shall open here with a student body greatly reduced in number, but hope to have more of our boys and girls back just as soon as we are again functioning as usual in the old place. Those of you who have been here would hardly recognize the girls' dormitory, resplendent in speckless ivory paint, and with glistening floors.

Most of you know that we go to Peitaiho Beach in the summer. This year I went up with the children as soon as I had given my final English examinations in the Goodrich School, the day after the N.C.A.S. commencement. When you look at the enclosed pictures you will know why I went so early. When one of our Peitaiho neighbors got these good pictures of "The House the Bonus Built" all our friends said, "Oh, Olga, you'd never dare to send those home! People will believe now more than ever that we simply wallow in luxury here in China!" Well, I dare. For if any of you feel that way, let me just say one little sentence;—when you give up the Ford or Chevrolet that you think is necessary to the efficiency and comfort and health of your family, then I'll admit this house to be a luxury. If I tell you that the lot, house, and all the furnishings cost \$2000 and no more, would you believe me? For us the house is car, electric refrigerator, movies, concerts, plays, radio, lectures, and fine church services, all in one. The house is built of native stone, with the various colors carefully picked to show on the outside. The long living-dining room shows the exposed stone inside, with no plaster. The guest room is entirely screened and glassed, and has a commodious dressing room and a lavatory. Charles and John have a grand double-decker bed in their downstairs bedroom. An officer of the U.S.S. "Ford" coming up late one night from the ship moored in the bay at the foot of our lot, to borrow a bicycle, saw this bed and exclaimed, "My, Charles, you *have* got a swell sea-going bunk!" Charles was just bursting with pride.



Upstairs we have two big, airy bedrooms with a bathroom. All the furniture was made here in T'unghsien, of Philippine pine, a very lovely wood, but inexpensive, and sent to the Beach knocked down. The carpenter went along and spent a month putting it all together and finishing it, with Sigrid's help and mine. In the living room the floor is of red tile, which we found to be very satisfactory for the use of an active bunch of youngsters. I *could* go on giving more details, but will spare you. Anyway, we had a good time building the house, and living in it this summer, though a more unwise time to pick to build a house could hardly be imagined. To be even more happy about it, we have only to be allowed to use it for fifteen more summers or so.

When we return for a year to the United States, in 1939, our children will be old enough to have America mean something. Just now they are so immersed in the exciting events right here that the West is not very real to them, even when they are drawing maps of the states and writing in cities that are important. They hear constantly the eager comments and discussions of events in Russia and Spain and China, and I am afraid that they are as partisan as their parents and the friends of the family. The other evening we discussed in our weekly prayer group Dorothy Thompson's "The

Dilemma of a Pacifist," and the dilemma was as great at the end of the hour as when we began.

We are very peaceful here now. Our present rulers do not allow those of us who are from your country to enter into the walled city. That is a bit of a trial to me; I have taken a few of you around to see the lovely pagoda, the boats on the canal, the Confucian Temple (remember the awful light fixtures put in by Mr. Yin?) and sometimes we ended the trip by going to eat *chien-tan* (common) food in a little restaurant off the main street. Such innocent pleasures are for the time being denied us. Around us are mementoes of the fighting in July; a ruined gatehouse, bomb craters, the markers put up, — one within our compound, — to fallen soldiers who were not Chinese. Over the big south gate of the city is painted in huge characters a sentiment which informs us of the enthusiasm with which the Chinese welcome the protection of the Nippon army, — forsooth.

Hugh got to Peitaiho Beach on July 16th, and left on August 12th. The children and I did not return till October 8th, for we had an organized school at the beach for a full month, taught by a number of Shanghai American School teachers and two of our own North China American School teachers. The children thoroughly enjoyed this school; even John went to a fine nursery school. We used the Meeting House, the fine new Children's Activities Building, the Welles house, the huge living room at Dr. Clay's, and the annex of the Meade-Hayes house. It was a new and interesting experiment in education, valuable to students, teachers and parents. I personally have never enjoyed Peitaiho so completely as I did during those lovely September days.

We had all dreaded coming home by train, but by staying so long it was possible for the party to get a special second class car. Some of you will realize what a boon that was. During the whole summer, passenger travel had been simply unspeakable. We were indeed glad and thankful, all of us, to be able to make the trip in decency, even though the eight hour journey took more than twenty-four hours, and in spite of the much greater expense involved. How to recover from these added costs is a problem in higher mathematics beyond my simple intellect. Eating margarine all the time, omitting salad oil, Christmas gifts, the daily paper and books, helps some!

We are now busy with our home school schedule, which simply means that I teach Charles and Gudrun from 8 a.m. to 12 every day. They have piano lessons from Mrs. Cross, and amuse themselves riding their bicycles around the compound and playing with John and Phyllis Hunter. And they read. Sigrid is far enough along to enter the American School this year, the seventh grade.

It is a perfect moonlight night, and it is hard to make oneself believe that there is not peace everywhere. The quiet and the beauty of this lovely compound tonight emphasizes one's realization of the terror and ugliness of many places not so far from us, and intensifies our longing to be able to do more to be of help to people involved. We ask for your prayers and for your sympathetic understanding of the problems of China. We acknowledge our own weaknesses and our inadequacies. We wish for you the best of all wishes, — a happy Christmas and a New Year of peace.

With our Christmas love,

Olga Robinson

Read, approved, and publication authorized,

HUGH L. ROBINSON

St. James Hospital, Anking, China.

As the fighting in China approached Anking, three meetings were held at the hospital to discuss future plans and it was decided that all who wished to leave, were free to do so, and the training school was to be closed temporarily. The hospital, however, was to remain open and ready to help in any possible way. On December 5, 1937, she writes, "We are laying in a supply of flour, rice, sugar and eggs which we think will not spoil as the weather is cold. We have a marvelous dugout in our back yard. It is very well built and in case of necessity, we can take our knitting down there! The city is almost empty and yesterday's news that the Kiangyin Forts had fallen and that Kweiteh had been retaken made people even more apprehensive. The families of practically all the members of the mission staff and hospital staff have left for the country. The country isn't very safe either and we all feel that Anking is as safe, if not safer than most places at the present moment. There will probably be no fighting here even if the Japanese come up the river. They will be intent on Hankow and will see to it that this Province turns over to them easily. Of course no one knows and it is tragic to think of. We have to pinch ourselves to see whether we are really living through such times. Poverty is going to be terrible. The only good thing about it is that the great mass of people are so poor all of the time that things can't be much worse for them. The middle class people suffer even more, probably, as they have been used to a higher standard of living.

"We get radio news each night both from Manila and Shanghai. Nothing comes from Nanking any more. There is a station which broadcasts perfectly beautiful music — we don't know where

it is as the announcements are made in French, but the mystery of it rather adds to its charm.

"As time goes on we know that our decision to stay is right. We are going to try to keep the hospital open even if there are only two or three of the Chinese members of the staff who can stay. We started with practically nothing in 1929 and with a very small staff, so the prospect of being depleted once more doesn't phase us a bit, and if we can only be of some little use at a time like this to the patients, or our poor — terribly, pathetically poor — friends who can't leave, or to any refugees who might come to us — well, that is the main thing."

On January 6, 1938, she writes again, as follows: "The majority of the girls left as soon as the school was officially closed, and the rest went as soon as they could, but leaving was much more difficult than staying, for no one knew when the boats would come or if there would be any at all. People stayed on the river bank for days and then had to pay exorbitant prices to get aboard and to get the poorest of accommodations. Those going to the inland cities walked, or if they were fortunate, went by wheelbarrow or richsha, but all sorts of vehicles were very hard to secure, and travelling was not safe on account of lawless men who roam the country especially at this time."

She continues to say that for four days there were but four members of the staff remaining, including the doctor. The store-room and laundry were managed by one member, one nurse did night duty, one (E. Bowne) day duty, and the servants helped marvellously. They started with five patients, but "we began right away taking in patients. Everyone in the hospital or who came to the clinic seemed to be a victim of the war or banditry. . . . One chap, an awfully nice boy, was brought to us from a military boat en route to Hankow. He had been sick for about a month, running a high temperature. As our laboratory technician had departed, Dr. Taylor did not have any help with laboratory examinations, but he decided that he probably had malaria which has been very prevalent this year, so gave him a lot of quinine, and he responded and recovered. He is in the army, a gendarme. Their young men are supposed to be better educated than most of the regular soldiers. It was a great problem how he should get back to his company as the river is blocked and there are no boats running. To walk is very dangerous on account of stray retreated soldiers who would have gladly killed him in order to get his wicked-looking revolver which I removed from under his pillow the first morning I made his bed. We suggested that he leave the gun with us and come back for it some time in the future, but he said that he would be executed if he should return without it." Arrange-

ments were made for him to leave on a junk (houseboat) which left secretly one morning.

"We are all watching the movements of the Japanese army very closely — at present they are only a few hours away from us — and the minute they move in this direction it will be absolutely imperative for all who can to get out. We have decided that all servants, either our own or hospital, who are young must leave immediately. All men members of the staff . . . must go and the girls must flee to the places in the country which are already prepared for them. Those who have no place we shall take into our own house.

"We are having many air-raid warnings — several each day. The last time the planes actually came (last Sunday) they bombed the airport and one of the Japanese planes burst into flames just as it made a power dive. Two pilots were killed immediately of course. The mass of tangled iron and steel was taken to a building not far from here and Dr. Taylor and I went down to see it the other day — a gruesome sight.

"Yesterday Hankow and Wuchang were badly bombed and we are wondering what tonight's report will bring us as all morning we have been having air-raid warnings.

"There are ten or twelve children who have returned or who are staying in the hospital as refugees so we are starting a little school for them! The mothers have a nice, warm room where they sit and make shoes for distribution among refugees later on and now we have put ten desks in the hospital library for the children. The girls and the one boy in the sixth and seventh grades study English, so I am teaching them and two of the youngsters arithmetic. Mr. Ching teaches them Chinese. Wu Hsiao Chieh will also teach as soon as she recovers from a mean cold. The children seem thrilled to have a chance to study. The main thing is that it gives them something to do and helps a bit toward making life a bit more normal in these very abnormal times.

"Mail comes dribbling in in a most peculiar fashion. *Time*, the *National Geographic*, *Living Church* and the *Witness* all arrived a few days ago, much to our joy, but no letters! I know that they are on the way so am not worrying. . . . Everything, as far as we ourselves go, is fine — enough to eat! We are very thankful that we have been able to stay."

Emeline Bowne (1921)

Honolulu, T. H.

"My husband is a sea captain. But for the last fifteen years he has been master of the S.S. *Dickenson* which is a cable ship that keeps Midway and Fanning Islands cable stations supplied with goods and other necessities. He makes four trips a year — leaves

for Midway and is away ten days, in Port three days, then leaves for Fanning Island and away another ten days. Now he has been in Port since December 20 and will not sail again until March. Meantime the ship is always in working order, maintaining a skeleton crew while in Port. In case of need they are always ready to sail to repair cables which happens sometimes.

We have a large home and a beautiful yard with all kinds of flowering and fruit trees. The grounds are 30,000 sq. ft., 150 feet front, 200 feet deep. Just now four mango trees are laden with fruit and we have a lichee tree right in front of our home. It was planted in a flower pot by Queen Lilinokalina. Now it has reached heights and proportions indescribable. The whole hedge is completely covered with poinsettias and great training Bougainvillea trees covered with flowers and Hibiscus in abundance. It is beautiful here in Honolulu. We have orange and avocado trees as well as Palm and Cocanut.

I made the trip to Midway in June. It was most interesting to see the albatross in such great numbers. It is really a bird Paradise — no cats, snakes or other disturbers of bird life. The canaries flock in hundreds to the verandah of the Superintendent's home every afternoon to be fed. Besides the cable station, Pan American line has built a nice hotel to accommodate passengers on the Clipper Ships.

I also went to Fanning Island and enjoyed my trip immensely, but I do enjoy my home, and my husband is one in a million, kind and generous to a fault. I have made numerous new friends and it's always a thrill meeting the boat and entertaining friends from the mainland.

Eva Marryatt Peltz (1909)

Pasadena, California.

I should like to send you a line and tell you how much I regretted the fact that we did not meet in England, as I happened to be over there last summer. We, too, took a motor and had a perfectly beautiful trip through Scotland. We were lucky in having ideal weather and the heather was so lovely. I had never been in the Highlands before and quite lost my heart to them. We also went to Skye, but personally I thought it much more entrancing from a distance. We had an hour's wait at Strome Ferry and the view of the island from there was exquisite and the sea as blue as the Bay of Naples.

Just now we are spending a few weeks in California and enjoying the sunshine. We drove to Palm Springs yesterday, it has grown unbelievably in the past ten or twelve years since my first

visit. We go down to La Jolla and Coronado next week and possibly to Arizona, a state I don't know at all.

We spent a few days in Paris to see the Exposition, but by far the loveliest thing to see was the flood lighting of the Winged Victory. Isn't it marvelous, she looks as though she was about to float away. Since I last wrote I have wandered about a little, last winter going to Java, etc., a very beautiful island.

Muriel Galt,

1005 St. Charles St., Victoria, B. C.

Muriel Galt (1898) was one of the six nurses who went on the Hospital Ship "Bay State" to Cuba and Porto Rico after the Spanish-American war, to bring back Massachusetts boys who were too sick to return in transports.

Broken Hill, Australia.

I am enjoying my stay here very much. Have met very pleasant, cordial people and it is a joy to be with my children and grandchildren. I arrived in May the beginning of winter here and while it was never very cold as we know cold in New England, I suffered more from cold than ever I did at home — for the houses are made for hot weather (it can be very hot, around 100 degrees for days), heated only by tiny fireplaces. Notwithstanding, the days were often heavenly outside. I have never known such truly perfect days, and the gardens were lovely.

We drove to Adelaide early in September for a few days' visit, on return the garden was a riot of color. I've never seen such roses or wisteria. We enjoyed it for two days then came a fierce dust storm of two days' duration, the poor wisteria reminded me of a bedraggled evening dress. The whole garden was pitiful!

The district around here is semi-arid. It reminds me of western Texas or Arizona without the cacti. It is the section of large sheep stations, 600,000 to 800,000 areas under one company. How sheep can live on these barren stretches is a wonder to me, but they do and produce the finest type of wool, but it takes about twenty acres to carry one sheep. The station people are the aristocrats of the country, wool being the chief source of wealth.

I have been so fortunate as to have been invited for several weeks' stay on one of the most delightful of the stations. I had a wonderful time. It seemed as nearly an ideal way of life as this old world is capable of giving. It is situated about fifty miles out, only one inhabited place on the way, but with telephone, autos and even airplanes is not so isolated as it sounds. Driving out we saw emus and kangaroos in the wild, parrots and other tropical birds and many strange flowers. I stopped here to go out with Patricia to

see the jacaranda trees up the street; a very beautiful tree with leaves much like our locust tree only both trees and flowers are more feathery and the flower is a beautiful blue.

Last evening we went with the children to a Guy Fox party, much like our Fourth of July, only more restrained. The boys had been busy for several days getting the bon-fire and the poor old Guy ready. Guy stuffed with straw and firecrackers put on the bon-fire and burned with much popping. After the fire works, refreshments. This place is famous for its teas, etc. Tea at 11 a. m., with sandwiches and cakes, tea at 4 p.m., with more and more sandwiches and cakes, sometimes as many as six varieties of cakes. Then tea, etc., before going to bed. Poor M. said the first contract game she had, she served sandwiches, cookies and one cake. She got in wrong. The ladies felt such a meagre tea was almost an insult. Being an American they forgave her on the score of ignorance.

I am getting very much interested in the history of Australia as a social experiment. Labor here is more in the ascendancy than in any other country. What will they do with their power? Unless they learn wisdom from experience it looks like ruin for the country and freedom — fair play is the ideal for which they are struggling. The idea of equality for all "springs not only from the eagerness to exalt the humble and meek, but also from his zeal to put down the mighty from their seats". One class passengers impossible. How will this experiment end? How in the U. S. A.? Very interesting, also very disturbing at times.

Caroline Cayford Burrell (1892)

Caroline W. Cayford (1892) was head nurse, and some months later married Dr. Herbert L. Burrell, who was commanding officer of the medical activities of the staff. The "Bay State" made three trips and during the second and third trips Dr. Burrell loaned Miss Galt and Miss Parsons to Major Frederic A. Washburn, who was in charge of about 300 sick soldiers — mere boys — in Utuado, P. R. Utuado was fourteen miles from a railroad, with no hospital at all.

Puerto Armuelles, Panama.

February 17, 1938.

"Yes, I do get my 'Quarterly' regularly and read it eagerly each time for news of the hospital and M. G. H.'ers. I take a vacation nearly every year, sometimes going to Europe from Cristobal via Jamaica to Bristol, England, sometimes going to New York and across that way. Three years ago I spent several months in Spain and how glad I am that I saw perhaps the last of the medieval

remains. It makes me so sad to read of the wanton destruction taking place there now. Last year while in New York a friend at a country school was in need of a nurse for the infirmary. I helped her out for a month and had a delightful experience with the children.

"Perhaps you do not know, but I came to the tropics to work for the United Fruit Company twelve years ago. This Company has hospitals in Cuba (2), Guatemala (2), Honduras (3), Costa Rica (2), Panama (2) and Colombia. Bananas are raised in these various divisions and we take care of those who cultivate the bananas. I first went to Tela, Honduras, stayed there two years, and then was transferred to Puerto Armuelles (Armuelles is the family name of a local patriot). We have ships come in frequently to get bananas and bring us provisions. The hospital has a large daily clinic and an average of 40 to 50 bed patients. There are three graduate nurses. We train the local girls, most of them colored, from Jamaica or a generation from Jamaica. We do not have a training school, as such, because we need only four or five girls at a time and usually they marry or get tired of hospital discipline in a couple of years and then we start all over again. We are only about 300 miles from Panama City (26 hours by boat) but we do most of our traveling by air, and that takes only an hour and a half to Panama City. The Pan-American planes (the line Colonel Lindbergh inaugurated) stop in David, three hours by motor from here. We have a lovely hospital and a beautiful division. Just a few years ago, it was dense jungle, now we have green lawns, a golf course, swimming pool and sidewalks. There are about 200 Americans and about 5,000 Panamanian and colored laborers. Our wet season is over in December and then we have dry weather until March. Now the weather is lovely. Warm in the day time with sea breezes from the blue Pacific all afternoon. The nights are always cool and damp. The sunrises and sunsets are joys to look forward to daily. Our principle disease is malaria. There is a large sanitary force that controls all possible breeding places and so the malaria incidence has been reduced about 60 percent since we came. Typhoid fever is rare, only two among white employees. Our houses are very open and instead of windows are screened so that paradoxically when we are indoors we are practically out of doors. We have plenty of good native fruits; papayas — a large melon-like fruit that grow on trees, and have the consistency of ripe cantalope, mangoes, plenty of oranges and grapefruit the year round, bananas of course (a bunch under every house) alligator pears, and pineapples. Tologa, a small island near Panama City is said to have the finest pineapples in the world. During Queen Victoria's regime choice pineapples were sent to her often, and it is from Tologa that the best Hawaiian

plants have come. In the highlands, Bogmeta, about five hours by rail from here, fine coffee is raised.

"It seems strange to think about snow and ice when we go swimming every evening to freshen ourselves, and wear the same weight clothes the year round.

"I am glad to hear that Miss Fraser is better. She was always so kind and tolerant to us as students. We all have a special niche for her in our hearts.

"I wish that it was possible for you to make a trip down here some winter. Occasionally there are small United Fruit Co. ships that leave Boston and come directly here—coming through the Canal. The mode of life, and the beautiful mountains of Panama, different customs would, I know, interest you. We are almost at sea-level, about 40 feet above. Bananas grow only in the lowlands, coffee in the highlands. . . ."

Sincerely,

(Signed) *Helen Flanagan*

Class of 1922

Dedication of Fletcher-Murphy Park at Concord, N. H.

On November 11, 1937, thousands of New Hampshire residents took part in the state-wide Armistice Day program at Concord. Among those marching in the parade, were twenty-four Red Cross nurses in uniform. Rose Griffin (1928) was one of this group. The memorial ceremonies included the dedication of the Fletcher-Murphy Park in memory of two local nurses who died in service during the World War. It is of special interest to us, as Lucy N. Fletcher was an M. G. H. graduate, class of 1916. The dedication itself was impressive and dignified, a real tribute to nursing. Prayer was offered by Bishop Dallas of the Episcopal diocese of New Hampshire, and the Park was dedicated by Rev. P. J. Kenneally of St. John's Church. We feel happy that M. G. H. shared in this tribute.

Our Exchange List

The Johns Hopkins Nurses' Alumnae Magazine.

Mount Sinai Alumnae News.

The Alumnae Journal—Peter Bent Brigham Hospital.

St. Luke's Alumnae Bulletin.

The A. N. A. Bulletin.

The Quarterly Magazine of the Alumnae Association, Presbyterian Hospital School of Nursing, New York.

The Newton Nurses' Alumnae Bulletin.

The Bulletin of the Alumnae Association of the Philadelphia General Hospital Training School for Nurses.

The Quarterly of the Alumnae Association of the Toronto General Hospital School for Nurses.

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Christmas Formal

The new Student Activity Fund made possible this year the first Christmas Formal Dance to be held at M. G. H. It was sponsored by the class of 1940. The Rotunda was festive with the usual Christmas decorations and a happy holiday spirit reigned supreme. The dance, which was rather experimental, proved to be a very successful affair and we hope it may in time become one of our regular activities. Patronesses for the evening were, Miss Sally Johnson, Miss Florence Kempf, Miss Sadie Convelski, and Miss Olive Roberts.

Christmas Eve Open House

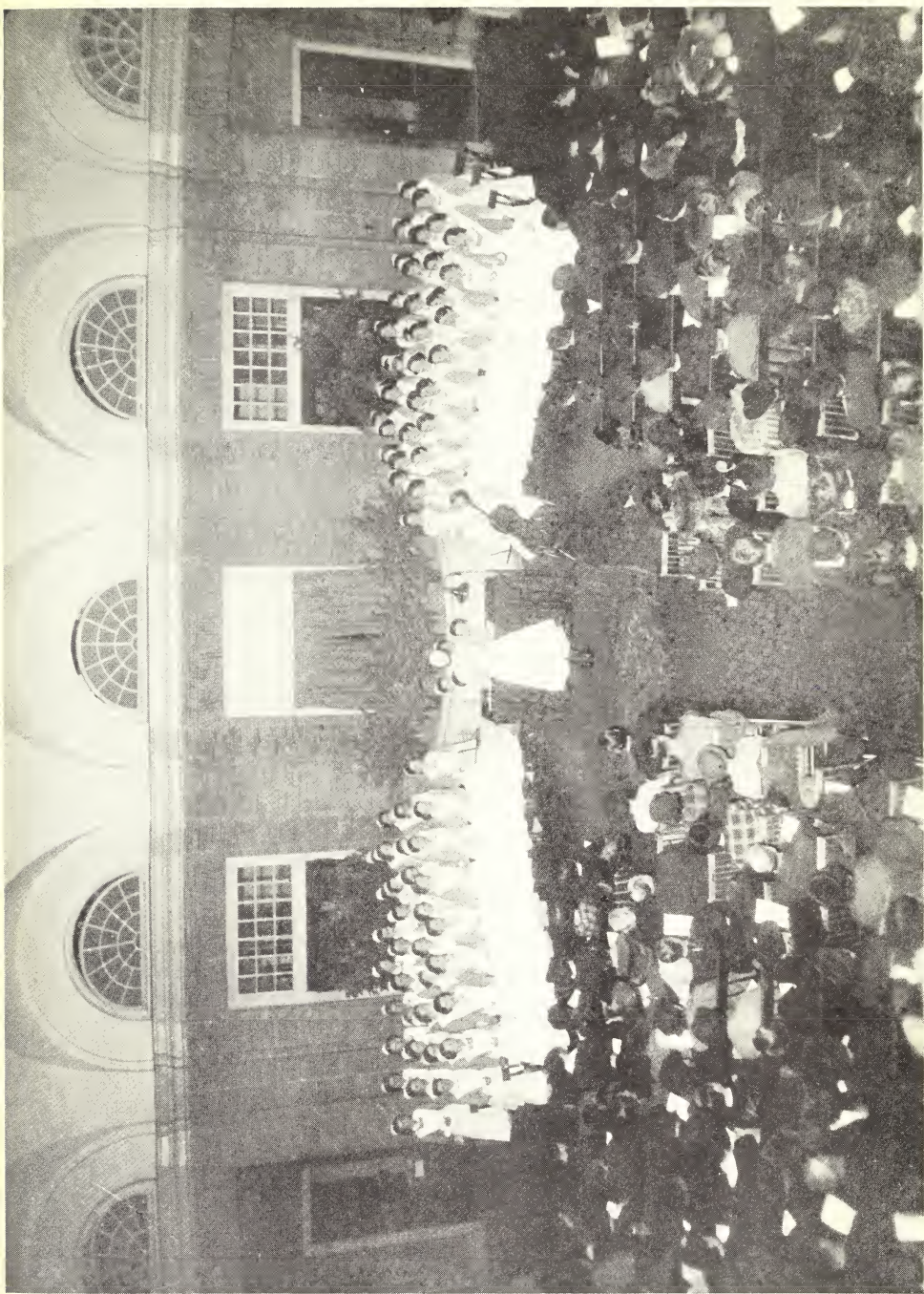
Open House, sponsored by the Student Nurses Co-operative Association, was held as usual on Christmas Eve in Walcott House. As always a delightfully informal and pleasant atmosphere pervaded this gathering. Refreshments were served to about fifty graduates, students and their friends.

Christmas Carols

Since the Cabot Carolers discontinued their activities this year the nurses took their places in singing to the patients on Christmas Eve instead of on Christmas morning as formerly. A group of twenty sang the familiar carols near the Christmas trees on the hospital grounds.

Social Dancing Class

Individual instruction in the art of social dancing has been featured in the weekly classes held in the Walcott House. Miss Shirley Sherman from Sargent College is the instructor and those attending the classes have derived no end of benefit and amusement from her instruction.



CANDLE LIGHT SERVICE

Book Reviews

Miss Bailey, our newly appointed librarian, has very kindly given us two very delightful book reviews this winter. "The Citadel" by A. J. Cronin was the topic of one of the reviews and "Madame Curie" the other. We have tried to make these meetings very informal, with discussions and question periods after Miss Bailey's talk and we feel that we have been quite successful. Refreshments have been served at the close of the meetings and this was an added attraction. We hope to have other people give us some talks and keep this activity alive and interesting to all.

New Class

The Advisory Committee to the Training School and the Ladies Visiting Committee gave another delightful Tea for the new class entering the school on February first. It offered an opportunity for the forty-nine members of the class to become acquainted with one another and with the members of these committees.

On February eleventh the "Big Sisters" gave the Probe Party for their "Little Sisters". This is always a source of amusement and entertainment for all. A clever Tap Dance was presented by Alice Clarke in addition to two other highly amusing skits by members of the older class. One was a Uniform Inspection of students clad in blue with such variations and exaggerations that they were scarcely recognizable. The second was a Mock Surgical Operation and though the technique was not flawless it afforded a great deal of amusement. Games and dancing followed the entertainment and group singing and refreshments brought to a close another successful Probe Party.

Senior Week

The Senior Ball, held on January twenty first, was the crowning event of the senior year. In the minds of the class members it was the high light of all social events in a socially eventful year. Ken Reeves orchestra furnished the music for the evening and the players were very obliging in rendering requests of the dancers. It must be said that each student did her utmost in the way of looking lovely that evening and each face sparkled and shone in a way not often seen during the past three years.

The Baccalaureate Service for the class was held in Trinity Church on the evening of January thirtieth. Sixty seven members of the class were present for the Service in full uniform and cape and it is at a time like this that we are most apt to appreciate the impressiveness of our student uniforms. The topic of the address by the Reverend Jesse Trotter was, "Experience on the March".

Emphasis was placed on the impetuosity of youth and how, we, as graduate nurses, with experience and good judgment could temper this trait.

The Senior Year Book finally came out on the night of Graduation. It is a seventy two page booklet bound with an attractive white cover on which there is a reproduction of the M. G. H. pin in blue and gold. A very interesting and new article for a Year Book is the Chronological History of the Training School. This article contains a year by year account of the Training School since it began and continues up to this year with the beginning of the new surgical building. There is a wealth of photographs including such familiar views as, the Moseley Building, scenes of construction work, Baker Memorial, Phillips House, a new winter scene of the Bulfinch and a very attractive portrait of the statuette of Florence Nightingale which is in the Nurses Reference Library. The book is dedicated to Miss Fraser, "whose forgetfulness of self and tireless ministrations to us have been, and always will be, an inspiration to this class."

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To complete these sets for our Reference Library we need the copies which are listed, and if any graduates have these copies available we should appreciate very much hearing from you.

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1916—	Entire Year

1917—Entire Year

1919—March

1923—December

1924—September, November

Engagements

In December 1937, Lucile Lyons (1936) to Mr. William Taylor of Gardner, Massachusetts. Plans are being made for a June wedding.

On January 23, 1938, Mildred Draper (1934) to Mr. Charles S. Richardson of Lynn, Massachusetts.

Marriages

Erratum in December Quarterly

The wedding of Katherine Holt was announced. The notice should have read that Katherine Holt Blunt was married to Mr. Nelson Polsky on November 1st, 1937, in Andover Massachusetts. Present address: R.F.D. #5, Norwich, Connecticut.

Sonja Nilson (1931) to W. Eldon Ness on June 12, 1937, in Brockton, Massachusetts. Present address: 22 E. High Street, Bound Brook, New Jersey.

Edith Lee (1936) to Robert W. MacCormick on October 28, 1937, in Boston. At home, 24 Phillips Street, Boston.

Olga DeVincents (1930) to Mr. Thoren Miller on November 26, 1937. At home, 310 No. Front Street, Wormleysburg, Penn.

Emily D. Hill (1933) to John B. Newhall on February 12, 1938, in Norwich, Connecticut. At home after March 1st at 1 Regent Circle, Brookline, Massachusetts.

Births

To Mr. and Mrs. Roy Puddington (Emiline Foerster 1930) a second son, Philip Henry, on August 3, 1937, at Wesson Maternity Hospital, Springfield, Massachusetts.

On December 5, 1937, a son to Rev. and Mrs. Earl Greenlaw (Frances Perry 1935) at Baker Memorial.

On December 18, 1937, a son David Alfred, to Dr. and Mrs. Alfred Kranes (Dorothy Jones 1930) at Phillips House.

On December 20, 1937, a son to Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Winfield (Lillian Gilbert 1930) at Baker Memorial.

To Mr. and Mrs. Harlow Russell (Evelyn Remick 1935) a son, Harlow Russell 3rd, on December 31, 1937.

On January 2, 1938, a daughter to Dr. and Mrs. Robert Palmer (Edith Morse 1928) at Baker Memorial.

On January 4, 1938, a daughter to Mr. and Mrs. Leon Vincent (Marjorie McCracken 1933) at Baker Memorial.

On February 10, 1938, a daughter to Mr. and Mrs. Pierre Lonsbury (Laurette Wolf 1924) at Baker Memorial.

To Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Dyke (Eleanor M. Hill 1933) a son, Vernon Arthur, on March 4, 1938.

Many of the Alumnae attending the Massachusetts Meeting for the Greater Boston 1938 Community Fund Drive in Mechanics Building on Monday evening, January 24, 1938, were certainly proud of the double-float which was M. G. H.'s contribution to the splendid pageant in which more than 100 hospitals, health bureaus and social agencies participated.

The double-float represented the equipment, methods and techniques used in old and modern surgery, including the administration of ether anesthesia. The historical and modern characters were portrayed by present House Officers, Nurses and Orderlies of the Massachusetts General Hospital.

Notice

Anne (Lyons) Twomey is the newly elected Treasurer of the Massachusetts General Hospital Nurses Alumnae Association.

Mrs. Twomey will be in the Alumnae Office, third floor of the Out-Patient Department from 9 to 1 daily, except Wednesdays, Sundays and Holidays.

In Memoriam

Alice O. Tippet

On January 25, 1938, in Toronto, Canada, Alice O. Tippet (1889) died in her eightieth year. Miss Tippet was buried in Fred-
erickton, N. B., Canada, her birthplace.

Soon after graduating, Miss Tippet was appointed Superintendent of the House of the Good Samaritan, then located at the corner of McLean and Chambers Streets, Boston. Miss Tippet held this position for seventeen years, when she resigned to work at Dr. Hallock's Sanatorium in Cromwell, Connecticut.

In July 1908 she was the first M. G. H. nurse appointed as Executive Assistant and Social Service worker at the hospital, resigning in 1913. It was her business to make the acquaintance of every new patient admitted, to select those who had needs, and to place those cases which had to be moved from the Hospital in an institution caring for patients with chronic conditions. She was the first Editor of the M. G. H. Alumnae Quarterly.

Miss Tippet was a Charter Member of the Guild of St. Barnabas for Nurses, and its President for several years. She will be remembered as a sympathetic, efficient and kindly woman. To the patients she was a true friend.

Naomi Cartwright

Naomi Cartwright (1936) died on December 27, 1937, in Detroit, Michigan. Miss Cartwright was a graduate of the five-year course, with the affiliation at Simmons College, and a member of the class of 1936. Although she took the course in Ward Management and Ward Teaching, in her senior year, she turned to the Public Health field after graduation. She had been working with the Detroit Visiting Nurse Association and showed promise in this field.

Miss Cartwright had been an interested and helpful member of the student body as an undergraduate nurse. Her loss will be felt deeply by her classmates and friends who knew her. She was struck by an automobile on Christmas night, in Detroit, and died on December 27th. Sincere sympathy is extended to her family in their loss.

In Memoriam

Elsie E. Floyd

Elsie E. Floyd (1923) died January 7, 1938. She received a B.S. degree from Teachers College, Columbia University in 1934. For five years she was Science Instructor at the Mt. Sinai Hospital, New York City. In September she went to St. Luke's Hospital, Jacksonville, Florida as an instructor and it was there that she was taken sick and died.

Elsie will always be missed. She was a most genuine person, courageous and tireless as a true M. G. H. nurse. Her rarest quality was making friends and keeping them. Our deepest sympathy goes to her mother, brothers and sisters.

Dr. Charles Morton Smith

On January 9, 1938, Dr. Smith died at his home on Marlborough Street, in his seventy-first year. Dr. Smith was Chief of the Syphilis Clinic of the M. G. H. for fifteen years and was nationally known for his extensive work in the field of Dermatology.

Dr. Charles Orin Day

Dr. Day died suddenly at the Baker Memorial Hospital on February 23, 1938, of pneumonia. Dr. Day was an Interne at the M. G. H. in 1908, and also a Staff member of the Massachusetts Eye and Ear Infirmary.

Ira Decker

Many of the Alumnae will remember Mr. Ira Decker, foreman of the Hospital painters. He died suddenly on December 29, 1937, in his sixty-eighth year.

News

Watch For The News

Reserve These Dates

M. G. H. night at Pops, Monday, May 9, 1938.

Plans are being made for a Fashion Show and Party at the Walcott House on Friday, May 20, 1938.

Leola White (1930) has recently been appointed Head of the Equipment Division of the Cumberland Hospital, Brooklyn, N. Y. Miss White is also studying at Teachers College, Columbia University.

Alice T. McNerney (1933) was appointed School Nurse in the Boston School Department, following two months as a substitute.

Many M. G. H. graduates had an enjoyable evening at the Annual Graduate Nurses Ball on February 10, 1938, in the Terrace Room of the Hotel Statler.

Elizabeth I. Hansen (1915) is Acting Superintendent of the Cottage Hospital, Baldwinville, Massachusetts.

Laura E. Sanborn (1909) spent several weeks with Mrs. Jason Bailey of Corey Street, West Roxbury, Massachusetts. Miss Sanborn attended the February Alumnae meeting. Mrs. Bailey entertained several members of Base Hospital #6 at a dinner party in honor of Miss Sanborn, those present were Misses Ladd, Mulville, Robertson, Reilly and Tarbox.

Rosa Shayeb Dunaway (1915) with her three children, John Alden 16 years, Bill 14 years, and Sylvia 11 years, spent the Winter in a charming villa in Evole 28A, Neuchatel, Switzerland, while Mr. Dunaway was in West Africa. Rosa writes that they spent Christmas in the Vrai Alps for Winter Sports and that the Alps are indescribable! They are too awe inspiring! The glory of the color, night and morning, which not only fills the heavens, but spills over onto all the peaks!

Mina A. McKay (1907) has resigned as head nurse of the Orthopedic Clinic of the Out-Patient Department after serving in this department for six years. Miss McKay is making favorable progress from several months' illness.

Dorothy Butler (1935) is now employed at the Margaret Hague Maternity Hospital, Jersey City, New Jersey.

Alice Maude Townsend (1916) has been a patient at the Baker Memorial Hospital since December 28, 1937. Miss Townsend continues to be cheerful and progresses slowly.

Friends of Ruth Gedies (1925) will be glad to learn she is back on duty, after an illness of many weeks.

Nina Ouellet (1926) is spending the Winter in Carpenteria, California.

Evelyn Blaney (1928) has been enjoying a holiday in Bermuda.

Elizabeth Smith (1937) is staff nurse with the Community Health Association of Boston at the Fields Corner Office.

Helen Latham (1931) has received her B.S. degree from Teachers' College of Columbia University, majoring in Nursery and Kindergarten study. She is now Instructor in Child Development and Director of Parent Education at the Children's Memorial Hospital, 707 Fullerton Avenue, Chicago, Illinois.

Mrs. J. W. Troxell (Miriam E. Kalb 1922) writes from California that she is having a busy life. Dr. Troxell is in the Navy at present, on sea duty but in June he will have two years of shore duty. Miriam now has a family of four sons; her own boy George, and three stepsons, the two elder of whom are at college. Her address is 4818 Sussex Drive, San Diego, California.

Anne L. Meade (1937) is now a member of the operating room staff at Bellevue Hospital, New York City.

Mrs. Sally C. Kerby-Miller (Sally Craighill 1919) writes that she is enjoying her work as supervisor in the Doenbecker Children's Hospital, which is one of the University of Oregon Medical School group. She lives at 3537 Woodstock Boulevard, Portland, Oregon.

A letter was received in January from Catherine Ostrander (1935), Mrs. Van Wyck Coulee, from her home at 71 Lincoln Ave., Binghamton, N. Y.

Abbey Choate (1926) left the Training School Office in February. She is now Superintendent of Nurses at Seaside Hospital, New Dorp, Staten Island, New York.

Helen Nagelschmidt (1934) resigned as head nurse on C-D, in February. She is now Second Assistant Superintendent of Nurses at Waterbury Hospital, Waterbury, Connecticut.

Nancy Fraser was welcomed back on the first of February, after her long absence of seven months.

Edna S. Lepper (1926) has returned to Teachers' College of Columbia to complete credits for her B.S. degree.

Anna M. Taylor (1928) is studying at Teachers' College of Columbia this semester, completing credits for her M. A. degree. She is also doing part time work at the office of the American Journal of Nursing.

The new supervisor of the medical wards is Cecile Authier, a graduate of the Peter Bent Brigham Hospital. She assumed her duties the first of February.

Alice Gustafson (1933) is supervisor of the lower surgical wards.

Margaret Hazen (1936) has become head nurse on C-D having served several months as assistant.

Katherine Dormin (1937) has been appointed head nurse on Ward G.

Miss Ellen M. Selby (1915) has been spending the winter in a charming little maisonette at Cap d'Antibes where she looks out on the ocean and has lovely flowers in her garden.

She expects to return to Paris in the early Spring and hopes to come over here again before long. Last Summer Miss Selby did what she has so well prepared herself to do—chaperoned a party of girls in Germany and France.

Mary M. Pickering Barker (1916) is now living in London. Her husband, Dr. Culver Barker is specializing in Psychotherapy. He met his wife while both were studying with Dr. Yung in Switzerland.

Miss Parsons visited them in their attractive apartment and saw how beautifully Mary has adjusted herself to a domestic regime while also acting as her husband's secretary. Dr. and Mrs. Barker reside at 44 Welbeck St., W I London, England.

Elizabeth Ravina (1923) and Paule Hella (1925) are still at the American Hospital in Neuilly.

Miss Ravina gave Miss Parsons a delightful evening by inviting her to the celebration of her father's 79th anniversary. A large family party of sons, daughter, grandchildren and in-laws with a few friends gathered about a huge table and celebrated with good eating, drinking and gay conversation. Colonel and Mrs. Ravina will celebrate their golden wedding anniversary in a very few years.

One of the sons is a visiting physician at the American Hospital.

Next year Miss Ravina and Miss Hella are planning to visit Boston.

Miss Esther Dart (1891) Mrs. Frances Pomeroy (1902) Miss Miranda Bradley (1920) are all enjoying the sun and balmy breezes of Florida.

A "Silver Tea" for the Endowment Fund was held on Sunday, February thirteenth at the home of Dr. and Mrs. Gerardo M. Balboni, 78 Mt. Vernon Street.

The guests numbering over one hundred arrived early and remained late. They apparently enjoyed the sociability that always goes with a cup of tea as in every corner and around the fire and tea table groups were seen greeting old friends and making new ones.

Much credit is due to Mrs. Balboni (Lillian Dobbie 1910) and her committee for this very successful party which netted \$118.85. We are deeply appreciative of the kindness of Dr. and Mrs. Balboni in opening their home for this festive occasion.

Florence Colby (1910) is in Honolulu, enjoying an out-of-door life in a bungalow near the sea, in a grove of coco palms and flowering hibiscus. On her journey to the Island, she visited Bessie MacLennan Heatherly (1916) in San Diego.

To date, the Sick Relief Association of the Massachusetts General Hospital Alumnae Association has paid \$1080.00 to 13 beneficiaries during the present year. May we remind you that the membership fee is \$5.00 a year, entitling each member to sick benefits of \$10.00 a week for eight weeks, after the first year. If you are not already a member, why not consider this valuable privilege accorded every member of the Alumnae Association and join today. When illness comes—and none is exempt—it is too late to provide at that moment for the immediate need. Be prepared.

The Executive Committee of the Sick Relief Association met February 15, 1938, and moved to appoint a membership committee. Miss Vieno T. Johnson is Chairman of this Committee.

The Private Duty unit of the M. G. H. Alumnae Association met on January 6, 1938, to organize a subsidiary group of the Alumnae Association. Miss Helen Nichols was elected President; Miss Margaret McGarry, Vice-President; Miss Ethel McNamara, Secretary; Miss Gertrude Christie, Treasurer. The group will meet at 2:45 P. M. on the Tuesday prior to the regular Alumnae Meeting. The group aims to bring about better co-operation between the nurses and the doctors and the executive group of the different hospital units, while meeting the needs of this particular group.

Within the next year, the Alumnae Association hopes to bring the "Gray Book", a list of graduates of the school, up to date. Will all kindly keep this in mind, and at the first request, return promptly all the required information.

The February meeting of the M. G. H. Nurses Alumnae Association, was well attended. After the routine business, Peggy

Reilly's sister, Miss Mary L. Reilly, gave a most interesting talk on World Affairs.

Jessie E. Grant (1906) was unable to attend the 16th annual meeting of the New England Hospital Association on March 10-11-12 at the Hotel Statler, Boston. Miss Grant is nursing a fractured wrist following a fall on ice in Springfield, Vermont.

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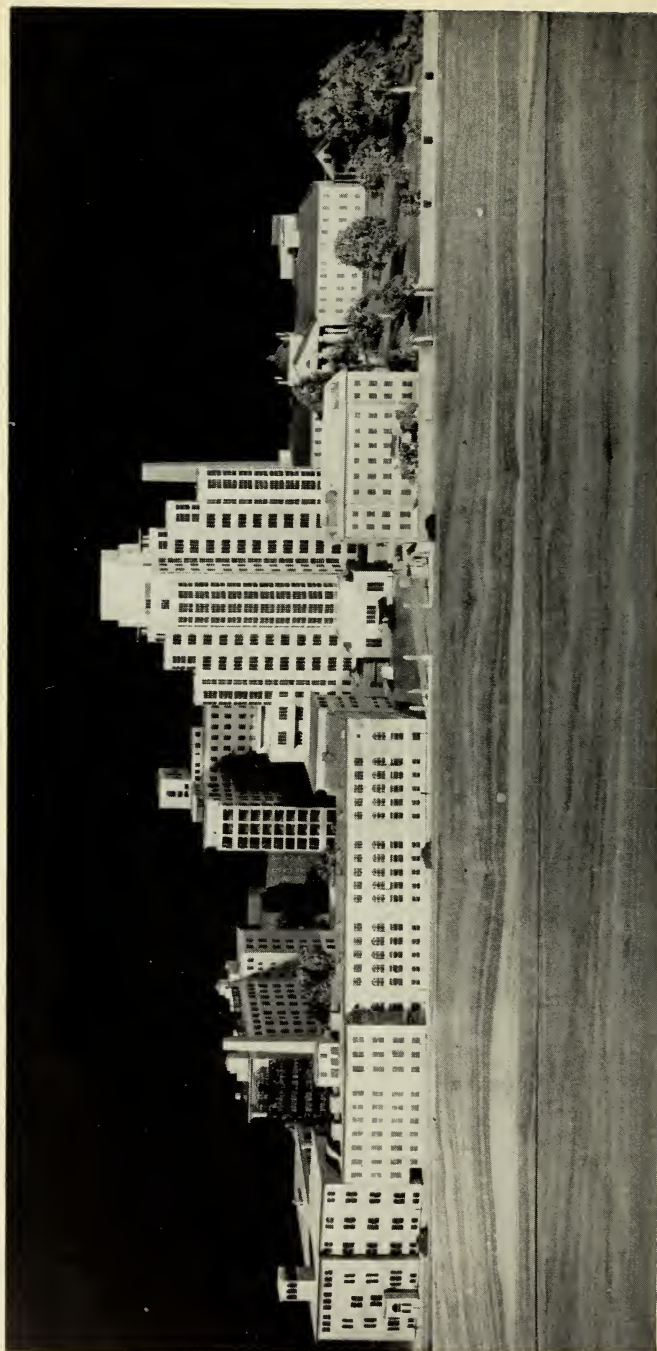
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DAWN

So softly comes the new, beginning day:
Dark shadows fade, streamers of red and gold
Trail their wide ribbons on the eastern sky;
A sudden bird-call sounds
Insistent, sweet;
Shy woodland creatures
On soft, padded feet
Run here and there,
A hush of wonder trembles on the air!

The 'wakening world takes up
Its daily tasks:
Out of the stillness busy sounds are heard—

The milkman's truck
Rattling along the road;
A dog's sharp bark,
A siren's long, shrill blast—
And then, at last,
The east is all aflame
With rosy light.

The night, with its deep silence,
Now has gone;
Once more the age-old wonder
Startles us:
Light floods the earth
And it is dawn!

ELEANOR G. R. YOUNG

The 1938 National Biennial Nursing Convention Kansas City, Missouri, April 25-29

The central theme of the convention was stated on the program as "the individual nurse's responsibility for professional progress". This would be a challenging subject at any time, but seems particularly fitting in these days of unrest when it is so essential for each to do her share for the common good, and for all to work together to advance professional standards. In rethinking the content of the meetings, I can see an encouraging note of alertness to common problems being exhibited by an increasing number of our members. The nursing affairs of the nation concern all nursing groups, and it is satisfying to see all groups participating in convention activities.

Kansas City is well equipped to receive a convention group; its municipal auditorium meets all the requirements of space, comfort, and convenience. Exhibits, registration tables, and ticket booth were set up on the ground floor; the large arena easily accommodated the joint meetings and the business meetings of the A. N. A.; the Music Hall, the Little Theatre, and the committee rooms were ample and most comfortable for League and N. O. P. H. N. meetings. Edison Hall in a nearby building gave further accommodations, and the hotels, all within a few minutes' walk from the auditorium, provided space for various smaller groups. The ease and smoothness with which the convention machinery worked were complimentary to the members of the local committees who must have been busy for many weeks with preparations. The total registration announced on Friday, was 5430.

Dean Effie J. Taylor, of the Yale University School of Nursing, gave the keynote for the session at the joint opening meeting in her fine address: "The Nurse as a Member of Her Profession". Miss Taylor said that the unrest that seems so prevalent today is in us, because we have valued material things higher than our professional ideals; she urged us to recover our spiritual life through a common purpose, to join together for the common good, each assuming responsibility for an individual contribution. The inspiration of Miss Taylor's address was summed up in her closing words: "When young nurses have vision, the dreams of old nurses come true". This fine address was printed in the May issue of the Journal for all of you to read.

This year the Saunders Medal went, not to an individual, but to "the bedside nurse". Private duty nurses and general duty nurses of all states were thus honored as a group. Miss Helen McDonough, Chairman of the Private Duty Section of the A. N. A., accepted it in the name of the nation's bedside nurses. The medal will be kept at national headquarters. In order that the award might have more personal meaning to its recipients, a copy of the medal was presented to each state. These were received by the presidents of the state associations. Throughout the session, there was frequent reference to the private duty and general duty nurses; several section meetings were planned and conducted by them; and they made contributions to the business meetings. It is encouraging to find this large group of nurses organizing now with more spirit than they have shown before, becoming articulate concerning their own problems, and attacking their problems with purpose.

It was a great privilege to listen to Dr. C. E. A. Winslow's address: "Organizing for Better Community Nursing Service". He said that organized community nursing service, which is coming slowly into use, will bring improved morale to the private nursing group by throwing upon its individual members responsibility for continuing their own education beyond the basic nursing course. Dr. Winslow looked forward to the development of a sound basis for the payment of nursing costs on a group plan of equitable distribution. He suggested the extension of hospital insurance plans to include nursing in the homes. He placed the responsibility for leadership in such a program directly upon the nursing profession. Our problem, he said, will be a psychological one, not intrinsically a social one. Consumer cooperation will be gained by appeal to the reason, not by purely emotional appeal. Dr. Winslow cited the recognition of powerful psychological prejudices and emotional processes as the greatest contribution that the twentieth century has made to our society. He quoted from Proverbs: "Where there is no vision the people perish".

The subsidiary worker was the subject of lively discussion at several of the meetings. A group of nurses in New Jersey conducted

a study of this problem during the past year. Their report included an outline of work to be delegated (1) to the hospital subsidiary worker, (2) to the private subsidiary worker, and (3) to the public health subsidiary worker. This committee went on record as approving the licensure of all who nurse for hire. There was discussion of how best to train the subsidiary worker. The New Jersey committee suggested the use of nursing homes, homes for the aged, convalescent homes, for this type of training; they did not approve short courses of this kind to be given in the hospitals. Dr. Dixon of Kansas City voiced opposition to this point of view, maintaining that subsidiary workers would be better controlled if trained in the hospitals on a lower level than the professional nurse; he said that the plan suggested by New Jersey would give rise to the old diploma mill situation. At the last business session of the A. N. A., the subject was re-opened with a good deal of discussion. Reference was made to the New York mandatory law which has gone into effect recently. At the last census there were 38,000 registered nurses in New York State and 42,000 unclassified workers in the nursing field. Missouri nurses recalled their own experience of 1921, when they passed a similar law which was repealed one year later. Many felt that the states should work for mandatory laws as rapidly as possible. Others felt that we should watch the progress in New York State and proceed slowly in other states. The discussion was a healthy one. It is quite generally agreed that there is a definite place in nursing for a worker on a level lower than the professional nurse, that the professional group should assume the responsibility for its training, and that the professional group should assume the control of its practice. The best method of accomplishing this is not yet clear.

The American Red Cross Nursing Service announced two annual scholarships which will be available for the next five years, for study at the Florence Nightingale International Foundation in London. One of these will go to an American nurse, the other to a nurse from some other country. It was announced that the first award to a foreign nurse would probably go to China, Iceland, or to Siam. At one of the meetings, Miss Lulu K. Wolf spoke briefly of her experience as the first American International Scholar. Her description of daily intimate contact with nurses from all parts of the world made her audience feel that this is indeed a worthwhile undertaking that would undoubtedly delight the heart of her for whom the Foundation was named. It is stated that \$250,000 is needed for the International Foundation before the next meeting of the International Council of Nurses which will be held in the United States in 1941. The quota assigned to the American Nurses' Association is \$88,575; of this \$4,960.20 is the quota for Massachusetts. The A. N. A. pledged itself to accept this request and to raise this amount before 1941.

The League meetings held much interest for me. At the opening business meeting the state leagues reported their activities. League membership should be greatly increased. Counting the nurses engaged in institutional positions through the country as eligible, there are 29,000 potential members, but actual count shows only 4,000.

The Joint Committee on the Costs of Nursing Service and Nursing Education gave a progress report. The study of fourteen representative hospitals for seven days out of each month over the period of a year, is not yet completed. A cost accounting system will be evolved which will separate nursing education costs from nursing service costs; an improved system of statistical records will be prepared. It is expected that the cost study will give increased economic stability to the hospitals and to hospital schools; it should help to determine for the public which hospitals can best maintain schools of nursing; and with this information there will be a more definite basis for appeal for financial support for nursing education. There has been some discussion of an appeal for public support for nursing education, and the suggestion is now made that a definite study be conducted to determine the prospects for state aid. Federal aid under the Smith-Hughes Act or under the George Dean Act is available for educational projects of a non-professional nature only; it would seem unwise, therefore, to attempt to obtain funds in this way, although their use might be possible for the training of the subsidiary group. The executive board of the League has gone on record as approving the licensure of all who nurse for hire.

A special luncheon meeting for nursing school board and committee members was conducted by the Committee on Lay Participation. This committee now recommends the formation of state and local advisory committees, composed of members of nursing school boards and hospital boards, to work with the League to advance nursing education and to interpret to the public the place of the Professional nurse in the community.

The Curriculum Committee is continuing the consideration of common problems in the development of individual courses. More than three thousand copies of "The Curriculum Guide for Schools of Nursing" were sold during 1937. The committee is stressing better preparation for faculty members, putting special emphasis upon adequate preparation for the head nurse. It will continue its study of advanced clinical courses. It will revise the earlier publication, "The Nursing School Faculty", and it will cooperate with other groups in the preparation of new-type tests.

The work of the Accreditation Committee has progressed to the point of initial visits to representative schools, some of which have been made already. The visits will be continued over the period of

one year. Fifty-two schools will be visited, and the data will be used in setting up accreditation criteria.

Inspiration and encouragement for renewed activity at home are the rewards that come from such professional meetings. I am grateful to the Alumnae Association for the honor of being its official representative at the 1938 Convention. My sincere hope is that I shall be able to return some small measure of my personal gain in service to our membership, and to our professional organizations in the state. I am very happy to present this report to our members.

MARY E. SHEPARD, *President*

The 1938 National Biennial Nursing Convention

Kansas City, Missouri

Public Health Section

The special public health group settled down to talk concretely about the health problems to be shared by public health nurses. Dr. Boudreau, Director of Health of the Milbank Foundation reviewed the changing picture of our population—with increasing proportion of older age groups and consequent health problems—nutritional, mental, physical—as related to them. He also spoke of the still existing problem of maternal deaths, tuberculosis, venereal diseases and pneumonia, where public health nurses have an effective part to play, and made the rather new point that much more could be done in preventing pneumonia, thru special health supervision of the susceptible age groups—the very young and the elderly. He talked at length about housing in relation to health.

Dr. Derryberry, referring to public health nurses as teachers, said that “teaching wasn’t teaching until the lesson was learned”, and then thru some good and bad examples, he illustrated some of the fundamental principles of teaching.

Dr. Menninger, in urging a broader consideration of the mental health of the families served, suggested that public health nurses should study the situation of their patients from various points of view, should know the evidence of good and bad mental hygiene, should recommend better balanced activities where possible, and be ready to use whatever resources the community had to offer in order to further the mental health of people whom they served.

Mr. Bradley Buell, Field Director of Community Chests and Councils, spoke from much practical experience with actual community agencies. As far as health agencies are concerned, he finds too little cooperation on the part of hospitals with other agencies in promoting coordinated service to the communities; and finds some pri-

vate visiting nursing agencies so content with their own programs that they miss a great chance for community leadership. Wherever Community Chests and Councils exist, however variable they may actually be in quality, they do present a practical medium for the exercise of leadership for community benefit and do exert a continuous pressure on all agencies to "see the picture as a whole".

The spirit of the convention, which is often its greatest value quite apart from any of the assigned speeches, is again quite a subtle, and personal thing and not very easily conveyed. To me it was a week of successive stimulations and I hope that some of the readers who didn't go this time may have as fine an experience when their next chance comes.

KATHERINE E. PEIRCE, M. G. H. (1921)

M. G. H.'ers at Kansas City

Of course we had to get them together for a reunion. We posted a notice as soon as we arrived, and the special committee for such affairs helped us to round them up and arranged for a breakfast on Friday morning. Seventeen appeared at the breakfast, and as usual it was fun to hear of their various activities in all corners of the country. Six of the number went from Boston; Katherine Peirce also attended the Convention, but was not at the breakfast. We found "Becky", a resident of Kansas City for ten years back, presiding over the very comfortable home of an orthopedic surgeon, and mothering a choice dog that once belonged to Helen Boylston. They entertained us for two delightful evenings when meetings were not being held. It sounded just like the "Becky" of yore, and she's not a bit bigger, but you just ought to taste the rolls that she bakes and the chickens and steaks that she cooks! They were worth the trip across the Mississippi.

These are the people who ate breakfast together that morning:

Kathleen H. Atto, Superintendent of Nurses, McLean Hospital, Waverley, Massachusetts.

Gretchen M. Blampied, Visiting Nurse Association, Denver, Colorado.

Alice T. Breen, Medical-Eye Supervisor, Syracuse Memorial Hospital, Syracuse, New York.

Anna Castle, Director Visiting Nurse Association, Wilmington, Delaware.

Margaret Dieter, Superintendent of Nurses, Massachusetts Memorial Hospitals, Boston.

Ann Henshaw Gardiner, Assistant Professor of Nursing, 3213 Duke University, Durham, North Carolina.

Anita M. Jones, Assistant Director, Maternity Center Association, 467 Central Park West, New York City.

Helene G. Lee, Executive Secretary, Massachusetts State Nurses' Association, Boston.

Winifred L. Moore, Education Director, Visiting Nurse Association, York, Pennsylvania.

Mary E. Shepard, Superintendent of Nurses, Cambridge Hospital, Cambridge, Massachusetts.

Eunice Smith, Director of Nursing, Homeopathic Hospital, Providence, Rhode Island.

Helen I. Stockton, Director Staff Education, Department of Health, Box 2591, Birmingham, Alabama.

Elizabeth E. Sullivan, Supervisor of Schools of Nursing, State House, Boston.

Hazel M. Walker, Assistant to Principal, School of Nursing, St. Luke's Hospital, New Bedford, Massachusetts.

Alta C. Walls, Educational Representative, J. B. Lippincott Company, Medical Department, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Mrs. James B. Weaver (Katherine Beckford), 3766 Washington Street, Kansas City, Missouri.

Dorothy Wilson, Supervisor Infant Welfare, 14 East 5th Street, Hinsdale, Illinois.

Massachusetts League of Nursing Education Institute

The Massachusetts League of Nursing Education held a two day Institute on April 7-8, 1938. The Institute centered mainly around health teaching, and the responsibilities of nurses, both students and graduates, to the patients and to themselves.

Thursday morning, at the Evans Memorial Hall, Massachusetts Memorial Hospitals, Miss Carrie Daniels of the Boston Community Health Association spoke on "Teaching the Student Nurse Her Responsibilities for Health Teaching", and Miss Alice Teague of the Boston City Hospital discussed "Health Training in the Out-Patient Department". Students and graduates of the New England Deaconess Hospital gave an excellent example of the care and teaching of a diabetic patient, including the summarization before discharge from the hospital. Miss Margaret Reilly gave an interesting talk on the care of the normal skin and skin diseases.

Clinics were held, Thursday afternoon, at the Beth Israel, Children's, Massachusetts Eye and Ear Infirmary, Faulkner, New England Deaconess, Massachusetts General, Robert Brigham, and Haynes Memorial Hospitals on some of the newer equipment and methods in nursing.

Friday morning, Dr. Hosea McAdoo, of the Ring Sanatorium, gave an excellent talk on the Psychoses and their prevention. Mrs. Katherine Steel of the Worcester State Hospital, outlined the necessary Orientation Period for a student nurse to become well adjusted in a mental hospital, and the curriculum required in Psychiatric Hospitals. Miss Erna Kuhn, McLean Hospital, discussed the importance of considering individual differences in student nurses.

Miss Jane Taylor, Assistant Professor of Nursing, Yale School of Nursing, discussed methods of ward instruction and held a demonstration of a ward conference under the direction of the Supervisor. Miss Halcie Boyer, Night Administrative Assistant of the New York Hospital spoke of "The Dual Function of the Night Supervisor as an Administrator and a Teacher". Following this meeting tea was served by the Massachusetts Memorial Hospitals Nurses' Alumnae Association.

RUTH FOSTER (M. G. H. 1933)

A New Method of Treatment for Atrophic Rhinitis

The condition known as atrophic rhinitis has for many years been a nemesis for the otolaryngologist. No one has yet found the exact cause of the disease, although there are many existing theories today, and the treatment of this condition has always been most unsatisfactory.

Patients who are thus afflicted are truly social outcasts as a result of their malady, and go from one clinic to another in the hope of seeking some relief from their distressing symptoms. The nasal chambers in such cases are characterized by large firm crusts, which frequently obstruct breathing and have to be forcibly removed, and from these crusts emanates an odor which beggars description in its foul and nauseating quality. Besides these undesirable features, there is a change in the mucous membrane of the nose, whereby the underlying structures as well as the mucous membrane shrink away and in time become so atrophic that the inside of the nose resembles a large gaping vault, with none of its former characteristics and landmarks. There is a certain hereditary tendency in this disease, inasmuch as it runs in certain families, but chronic sinusitis also plays a part, as do syphilis and other debilitating diseases.

There are a few other salient features about the disease which make it interesting for study. True atrophic rhinitis usually occurs about the age of puberty and lasts until about the age of fifty years, or until the mucous membrane has been replaced by scar tissue. It is more common in females than males, and is seen more frequently in

those people coming from southern and southwestern Europe; it is rare in negroes and Orientals.

It has long been known that there was a certain relationship between the female sex cycles and the nose, and even the ancients knew of vicarious menstruation, or nose bleeds during the menses. Further observations have shown that there are numerous similarities between the vaginal and nasal mucosa. In 1934 Dr. Davis, a Boston gynecologist, found that patients suffering from senile or atrophic vaginitis were greatly improved by the use of female sex hormones locally. This hormone was known as estrin, and although called a "female" sex hormone, it is found in both males and females. Because there was a rather marked similarity between the symptoms and the pathology of atrophic vaginitis and atrophic rhinitis, it was decided to use estrin locally in the noses of patients with the latter disease.

This form of therapy, using the estrogenic hormone locally in the nose, was first used during the summer of 1937, and since then more than seventy-five patients have been treated. This work was carried on in the Mosher Laboratory and the Out-Patient Department of the Massachusetts Eye and Ear Infirmary.

The results thus far have been very gratifying. Within six to eight weeks, these patients are generally free from the offensive crusts and odor, and by the end of three to four months the nasal mucous membrane, which was previously pale and thin, becomes pink and takes on a healthier appearance.

As yet the cause of atrophic rhinitis, and the mechanism by which estrin operates remains a mystery. Drs. Mortimer, Collip, and Wright in Montreal believe that the disease is due to a pituitary dysfunction, and, working on that basis, began to use estrin in the treatment of atrophic rhinitis, independently of the work at the Mass. Eye and Ear Infirmary, and at about the same time. While the end results of the two series are nearly the same, in that patients are improved, nevertheless our series of cases has not shown that the pituitary gland is the responsible agent in the cause of the disease.

There is still a great deal of work to be done on this problem, and many questions to be answered, but the outlook for these patients is now much more hopeful than in the past. To an individual who has been obliged to remain unmarried, to refrain from entering public places, and who has been shunned by society because of his offensive odor, the relief from this terrible affliction comes like the dawn of a new day. His expressions of gratitude are sincere.

IRL H. BLAISDELL, M. D.

Interne Mass. Eye and Ear Infirmary

The Nurse Practice Act

The Massachusetts State Nurses' Association has gone on record as approving an act proposed by the Attorney-General, Paul A. Dever, regulating the profession of nursing to curb certain abuses that exist at the present time. The Attorney General became interested in the Nurse Practice Bill because of abuses in the commercial registries; for example—there exists throughout the State many non-professional registries run by non-professional people solely for profit. These registries advertised for applicants even though they may have a great many more on their lists than they could possibly supply with work. Some of them make it mandatory that the nurses they employ live in their homes. Upon studying the situation it was found that many nurses in desperation register with several of such registries paying a ten-dollar registration fee to each and sometimes receiving very little or no work through the registration. Because of these abuses the bill seeks to license all registries and place them under the Board of Nurse Registration.

The new Act would also change the membership of the Board of Registration of Nurses by enlarging it to seven members, six of whom would be nurses and the Secretary of the Board of Registration in Medicine would continue to serve as the Secretary of the Board of Registration of Nurses ex-officio.

The new bill also seeks to license all people who nurse for hire. This would mean a licensing of practical nurses and attendants. It has been found that in the past waitresses, maids, and ward helpers who have had very little contact with patients have gone from short periods of employment in a hospital into attendant's positions and practical nursing work which is very harmful to the public. This Bill also sets up certain qualifications for attendants such as the attendant must be twenty-one years of age; of good moral character, have two years of high school, must be graduates of an approved and registered school for attendants and shall have passed an examination satisfactory to the Board. Those who are now nursing as practical nurses and attendants would be given an opportunity to register under a waiver until at least a two-year period has elapsed.

There was a hearing of this Bill on March 29, which was attended by at least 600 nurses. The members of the Legislative Committee seemed favorable toward the Bill. However, the Bill as it now stands met with some opposition from hospital superintendents and doctors who although favoring the principles of the Bill felt that too little time had been given to those related groups to study the Bill and that more consideration should be given to its effects on the communities before it should be adopted. — *Newton Nurses' Alumnae Bulletin*

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The Newton Nurses' Alumnae Bulletin, Newton, Massachusetts.

The Bulletin of the Alumnae Association of the Philadelphia General Hospital Training School for Nurses.

The Quarterly of the Alumnae Association of the Toronto General Hospital School for Nurses.

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2. Change of address to, Walborg L. Peterson, Massachusetts Eye and Ear Infirmary, Boston, Massachusetts.

3. Annual dues with change of address, to Anne Lyons Twomey, Massachusetts General Hospital, Boston, Massachusetts.

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5. Send Sick Relief dues to, Elizabeth Hatlow, 1111 Boylston Street, Boston, Massachusetts.

6. Send donations for the Endowment Fund to, Miss Sally Johnson, Massachusetts General Hospital, Boston, Massachusetts.

7. For the Loan Fund to, Miss Katherine Pierce, John Hancock Mutual Life Insurance Co., Boston, Massachusetts.

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NATALIE MIDDLETON

Members of the committee on Saint Barnabas Guild at Trinity Church entertained the new class at Tea on February twenty-third in the Thayer Library. Informal but inspiring talks were delivered by the Reverend Jesse Trotter of Trinity Church and Miss Margaret Riley. At the close of the Tea the students were given rosebuds to remember a very pleasant occasion.

The Student Nurses Co-operative Association has voted to buy a new archery target so that the girls may again enjoy this activity.

The boarded section of Walcott roof is to be enlarged and marked off for Shuffle Board.

The Association presented a very pretty compact to the pre-clinical student, Dorothy Fletcher as a reward for winning the Ping Pong Tournament.

Committees are now looking on school stationery and hand-books. They will report their progress at the June meeting.

On April twenty-eighth a portion of Walcott House Living Room was transformed into a mountain cabin. The occasion was the presentation of an old fashioned melodrama by members of the Drama Club and under the direction of Miss Roberts. An audience of about 75 entered into the spirit of the play and loudly hissed the mustache-twirling villain and clapped the manly hero and lovely heroine. Dancing afterwards to the music of an electric orthophonic victrola completed this novel and enjoyable evening.

"He Ain't Done Right by Nell"

Granny Perkins, who carries a secret for years.....	Jean Houghton
Lolly Wilkins, a typical old maid	Agnes Johnson
Hilton Hayes, a wolf in sheep's clothing	Alice Clarke
Vera Carleton, from the city	Patricia Bockes
Nell Perkins, just an old fashioned heroine	Barbara Peterson
Jack Logan, our manly hero	Irene Tirelis
Burkett Carleton, owner of the old mill	Julia Binns

In addition to several sandwich and ice cream sales the Senior Class has also had a Silver Tea and Dance.

The Silver Tea was held on May first in Walcott Living Room. A trio of piano, cello and flute played several times during the afternoon and two vocal numbers were rendered by Miss Mary Gay. It was rather a new venture for students to arrange an event of this sort and we hope it will be repeated with equal success.

A very successful dance, from the financial standpoint, was held on March twenty-fifth. Dancing was in the Walcott Living Room and refreshments, consisting of ice cream, cake and soft drinks were served in the Tea Room.

On Thursday evening, April twenty-first, Dr. Maybry of the hospital staff showed us colored movies which he took on his Caribbean cruise in December. Although Dr. Maybry claims to be an amateur photographer his films would do credit to any professional. The audience, numbering forty, were delighted with the pictures.

Notice Relative to "Gray Book"

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- A. Filling out card completely*
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Notice

Anne (Lyons) Twomey is the newly elected Treasurer of the Massachusetts General Hospital Nurses Alumnae Association.

Mrs. Twomey will be in the Alumnae Office, third floor of the Out-Patient Department from 9 to 1 daily, except Saturdays, Sundays and Holidays.

THE ALUMNAE

The March meeting of the M. G. H. Alumnae Association was held in the Rotunda of the Administration building. This meeting was well attended by alumnae members, their guests, the senior class and two groups of Red Cross workers, the Gray Ladies and Hospital Aides.

Bishop Sherrill, Chairman of the hospital board of trustees, directed a round table discussion on the subject of "The Spiritual Side of Nursing". The three speakers were Father Robert Barry, Rabbi Beryl Cohon and Dean Sturges. Their several interpretations of the subject opened up wider fields of understanding to their listeners. Their common plea, for emphasis on spiritual values, was applicable to everyone coming in contact with sick patients.

Following the program, the audience adjourned to Walcott House and enjoyed an informal social hour together.

The Walcott House Classroom was filled to overflowing for the April meeting of the M. G. H. Alumnae Association. The Private Duty Section of the Alumnae Association, had charge of the program which followed the regular business meeting. Dr. Roger I. Lee spoke on the Private Duty Nurse in the Home.

MONDAY, MAY 9, 1938

The Massachusetts General Hospital Night

Sponsored by the Nurses' Alumnae Association

Programme

CORONATION MARCH from the "The Prophet"	Meyerbeer
*POET AND PEASANT, Overture	Suppe
COUNTRY GARDENS	Grainger
FANTASIA, "Cavalleria Rusticana"	Mascagni
PRELUDE to "Lohengrin"	Wagner
*MARCHE SLAVE	Tchaikovsky
SONGS BY THE M. G. H. GLEE CLUB	
Kipling's "Recessional"	De Koven
"Waltz of the Flowers" from the "Nutcracker" Suite	
	Tchaikovsky-Treharne
"Doan ye cry ma honey"	Noll
FANTASY, "Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs"	Churchill-Bodge
ESPANA, Waltzes	Waldteufel
MARCH, "Stars and Stripes Forever"	Sousa

M. G. H. night at "Pops" on Monday, May 9, 1938, replaced the usual May meeting. The audience responded with hearty applause to the music that appealed to both the serious and lighter moods. Mr. Fiedler was exceedingly generous with encores. Members of the Nurses' Glee Club, dressed in pastel gowns, sang well under the direction of Miss Miriam Palmer, a senior at the New England Conservatory of Music. The large water colored panel of the Bullfinch Building, gave a unique M. G. H. touch to the concert. During intermission everyone enjoyed visiting and seeing old friends.

Spring Fashion Show

The Endowment Fund Committee planned a very enjoyable evening for May tenth. The program was centered around a Spring Fashion Show, put on by William Filene's Sons. The Walcott House living room was arranged with a platform between the two doors and chairs grouped on three sides, giving each spectator a clear view of the attractive clothes which were shown. Several student nurses acted as models, wearing the costumes with a real air. Among the models from the store was a tall lady with gray hair, who added a personal note of distinction to the fashionable models for older women. The director of the Show pointed out the unique features of each costume and added the practical item of its price.

Following the fashions, the program was to have included an original feature, a girls' fencing match. One of the rivals, however, suddenly developing appendicitis, came to the hospital as an unexpected patient instead of a wounded warrior, so the match was necessarily called off. We did enjoy, as part of the entertainment, two readings by a student from the Leland Powers School, and a group of songs, sung by five student nurses.

The recreation room downstairs had been decorated with flowers and attractively arranged tables. Here refreshments were served to all guests and an opportunity offered for friends to visit together. Thus the alumnae following the leadership of their splendid committee whose chairman is Mrs. Balboni, have added yet another sum to our gradually increasing Endowment Fund. Thanks and appreciation are extended to all who contributed the refreshments as well as to those who helped decorate and serve.

The Sick Relief Association

The twenty-ninth Annual Meeting of the Sick Relief Association was held in the Walcott House Classroom at 8 o'clock, Tuesday evening, May 10, 1938, with an attendance of twenty members.

The Treasurer reported a balance on hand of \$18,102.15. Membership fees for the year amounted to \$737. Full and partial benefits totalling \$1,476.80 were paid.

During the year five meetings of the Executive Committee were held.

Sixteen new members were admitted, three members resigned, two members were dropped as they were not in good standing in the Alumnae Association, and one member died.

There is a total of 161 members in good standing in the Association.

The business meeting adjourned at 9 o'clock. Refreshments and a pleasant social hour were enjoyed in the Recreation Room.

HILDA G. BLAISDELL, *Secretary*.

Villa Lorany, Evole 28A, Neuchatel, Switzerland

March 21, 1938

Dear Miss McCrae:

Yes, we have had grand opportunities to travel and see a lot of the world. But somehow the more we travel and the more of the world we see, the keener we realize that essentially people and life are much the same the world over. Being born, finding love, earning a living, avoiding death, are much the same, whether one is in Washington—the beautiful capital of the grandest country on earth, on the bare desert plains of our own southwest, in the fantastic Arabian Nights like civilization of Persia (Iran) or here in the magic of Switzerland. So that really we are one great family, a brotherhood of mankind, and we have to be interested in each other's welfare, whether we wish to be or not. What happens in China or Ethiopia does concern the citizens of Boston and San Francisco because they are citizens of the World.

While Mr. Dunaway is in Liberia, West Africa, as Supervisor of Revenues, to that brave little colored Republic which has modeled its institutions after our own, naming its capital Monrovia after President Monroe, we are spending a year in Switzerland. We hope that our three children, John Jr., age 16, Bill, age 14, and Sylvia, age 11 years, will benefit by being surrounded with French speaking comrades and get a little international sympathy. We tried first living together in a Pension (glorified boarding house) but we all talked English and got nowhere with our French. So after our Christmas holidays in the Vrai Alps we separated—the boys going to private schools or internates, one at each end of the canton—Sylvia and I moving to a more congenial pension, where French and not German is the native language. We get together on Sundays, often enough to like each other a lot. The children are doing very well in school

tho' the curriculum is quite different, the schools here going in heavily for languages, leaving little time for other studies. Everyone speaks at least two languages, French and German, and many Italian and Spanish besides. All signs and notices on trains and in railroad stations are printed in French, German and Italian the official languages of Switzerland. Government clerks and railroad employees must know all three languages.

Neuchatel is a charming little city, built on a high hill surrounding its chateau, at the northern end of the lake of the same name. It commands a glorious view of the whole chain of Alps from Germany across to Mt. Blanc and France. This glorious vista is visible only a few times a month. Perhaps this is fortunate, as otherwise one could only stand and stare. Neuchatel has endless long flights of stairs and two funiculars. I have learned, it is best to walk up the narrow street, in places so steep that hand rails are necessary, and down the stairs. Attached to the chateau is the cathedral with its two graceful towers. It is quite lovely to see the whole area lighted with flood lights, Saturday and Sunday nights. Of course moonlight reflecting this medieval grandeur beside the lake is also a high light of scenic beauty.

Neuchatel is the head of a canton of the same name. The canton government officers are housed in the chateau which has been restored and modernized. Neuchatel has a fine University and Art Museum, a concert hall, a theatre, and five other cinemas. The silence and rapt attention of the audience at a concert is well worth the price of admission, many following with the music score. I find Neuchatel a rather somber, solemn place, the people all look very serious and unsmiling. If ever you hear any laughing or giggling on the street it is a group of English or American students. In the trams (electric cars) the boys and girls sit with their eyes on their books—not a giggle in a carload. One misses the chic and light touch one associates with Paris and things French. With this stolid atmosphere about, I was surprised to find that dances last until 4 and 5 A. M. My Bill was thrilled that his soiree lasted until 6 A. M., but I assured him that if it happened oftener than once a year I should object. I must say that the young people at Bill's soiree were a fine, wholesome, attractive looking lot—no lipstick or make-up, just glorious youth shining thru. I liked it a lot.

The Patinoir (ice skating rink) is patronized by the grand dames in the morning and the students in the afternoon. Everyone skates beautifully, going in for fancy work and figure skating. I always feel like a country cousin as everyone has elaborate skating costumes, velvet, silk as well as woolen—white shoes—which are always white. I don't know as I could have resisted the temptation to indulge in a velvet skating outfit and white skating boots much longer. Happily the Patinoir is closed now and my abonnement (season ticket) is

used up. If I am here another Winter I shall certainly take skating lessons, as it is a most graceful sport. I am not surprised that Sonia Henie has had such popularity in the U. S. A., but to my uncritical eyes nearly every Neuchateloise skates as well as Sonia herself.

The whole family went in for skiing which is a wonderful sport. Not only in the joy of movement itself, which is like flying, but the scenery is so glorious and the out of doors so invigorating that one has that wonderful young feeling of being able to move mountains which is associated with extreme youth! We had two weeks at Chessiere Villars in the Vraie Alps. The Alps are wonderful, they cannot be described. They are too magnificent and awe inspiring. The glory of color night and morning, not only in the east and west, but covering the whole heavens and spilling over onto the peaks is unforgettable! I have a feeling that one visit to the Alps gives a soul enough beauty to last a lifetime.

Our Pension is run by two, well educated middle-aged ladies, who formerly had a girls' school. Now they rent the two upper stories of their lovely Villa Lorany and take four pensionairs in their apartment on the first floor. The villa is on a high bluff overlooking the lake, near enough so that we can hear the water. The crocuses, primroses and hepatica are now a riot of color, in the lovely garden where we shall eat and live when it is warm enough. As the Milles. Perrochet love to eat, we are well fed, and are constantly having "exquis" sauces made with Neuchatel wine. Not being much of a gourmand the "exquis" touch is often lost on me and I long for plebeian ham and eggs which one never sees in a pension. I nearly caused an international situation the other day by asking for vinegar to put on cabbage—white cabbage cooked in butter—how awful to kill the "exquis" flavor by putting vinegar on it! No sense of fitness in eating—quite crude American! Now red cabbage which is "fort" has vinegar put on it while being cooked. Aside from the "exquis" sauces, which may be any color and are black when made with red wine—and the soups which are made from everything edible—not excluding oatmeal and cornmeal, the food is much the same as at home. Mille. thinks she would die a horrible death if she ate anything out of a can so we never have any canned food tho' I see lots of it in the shops. The patisseries (small cakes) are famous here as in France and are delicious. Fresh butter always and cheeses of all sorts—except the kind with holes—I have had no bacon such as we know bacon but have had it cooked in "hunks" with red cabbage. It is very good that way. The "Gateau au fromage" which is often served in place of meat is really worth taking home. It is a sort of cheese souffle served hot in a pie crust made in individual sizes. The "Marcher" or open-air market which is held in the middle of a wide street, Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday mornings is of course a fascinating institu-

tion. The farmers come from miles around with their fruit and vegetables, some from the other side of the lake in boats. The thrifty house wives love bargaining for a reduction of a centime—but the noise, animation, color and “vivre” of the French market is lacking. Life in La Swiss is more serious—perhaps to harmonize with its rugged peaks. However, one will find the life on the whole of the same color as the lenses they choose to us when looking at it. I think Edwin Markham has expressed it admirably in his “The Prophet and the Travelers”:

Gone is the city, gone the day,
 Yet still the story and the meaning stay:
 Once, where a prophet in the palm shade basked,
 A traveler chanced at noon to rest his mules.
 “What sort of people may they be”, he asked,
 “In this proud city on the plain o’erspread?”
 “Well friend, what sort of people whence you came?”
 “What sort,” the packman scowled, “Why knaves and fools”.
 “You’ll find the people here the same”
 The wise man said.

Another stranger in the dusk drew near
 And pausing cried “What sort of people here
 In your bright city where yon towers arise?”
 “Well friend, what sort of people whence you came?”
 “What sort”, the pilgrim smiled “Good, true and wise!”
 “You’ll find the people here the same”,
 The wise man said.

With greetings and very best wishes to you and all your big family far and near.

Sincerely yours,
Rosa Shayeb Dunaway, (M. G. H. 1915)

Engagements

Margaret E. Matzek (1929) to Dr. Peter A. Cole of Boston and Albion, New York.

Alice M. Gustafson (1933) to Mr. Carl W. Benson of Malden, Massachusetts.

Emily Wyman (1936) to Mr. Russell Wigh of Hoboken, New Jersey, on March 17, 1938. Mr. Wigh is a member of the Class of Harvard Medical School 1939.

On May 21, 1938, Helen B. Clark (1931) to Mr. Winthrop H. Towner of Branford, Connecticut and Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

Marriages

Anna S. Kenworthy (1933) to Hamilton Norwood on April 17, 1937. Mr. and Mrs. Norwood are living at Sconticut Neck Road, Fairhaven, Massachusetts.

Rhoda Margaret Woodward (1932) to Ernest G. Miner, on March 4, 1938, in Ogden, Utah. Mr. and Mrs. Miner are living at 2816 Taylor Avenue, Ogden, Utah.

Louise Hull (1931) to Mr. J. Harry Mills. Mr. and Mrs. Mills are living at 207 Main Street, Rockport, Massachusetts.

Alice V. McKinney (1929) to Dr. Sydney Selesnick. Dr. and Mrs. Selesnick are living at 4 Mechanic Street, East Milton, Massachusetts.

Lucile Lyons (1936) to Mr. William Taylor on May 1, 1938, Mr. and Mrs. Taylor will be at home after June 1, at 403 Chestnut Street, Gardner, Massachusetts.

Jane Dexter (1938) to Mr. John H. Rosenow, on June 8, 1938, in Milton, Massachusetts.

On June 5, 1938, in Wakefield, Massachusetts, Esther Anna Skibo (1932) to Mr. Frederick Willard Chambers. Mr. and Mrs. Chambers will reside at 24 Pleasant Street, Wakefield, Massachusetts.

On May 14, 1938, Flora Emily Glynn (1937) to Mr. George D. Bolton in Allston, Massachusetts. Following a wedding trip to Canada, Mr. and Mrs. Glynn will reside in Allston.

Rachel M. Blodgett (1934) to Mr. Frederick Underwood Wells in Barre, Vermont, on May 14, 1938.

On May 28, 1938, in Salem, New Hampshire, Helen Gibbons (1933) to Mr. Thomas Turley Becker of Dedham, Massachusetts. Mr. and Mrs. Becker will be at home after June 15, 1938, at 74 Richards Street, Dedham, Massachusetts.

Births

To Mr. and Mrs. Ralburn Hathaway (Christina Willard 1925) a daughter, Joan Louise, on February 18, 1938.

To Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Paterno (Ailene Marion Cook 1934) a son, Kenneth John, on March 4, 1938, at the Baker Memorial.

To Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Alling (Susan M. Jones 1932) a son on March 6, 1938, at the Baker Memorial.

To Mr. and Mrs. James S. Hulme (Edna Olson 1928) a son Bruce Hamilton, on March 17, 1938.

On March 19, 1938, at the Baker Memorial, a son, to Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Faxon (Dorothy E. Lind 1929).

To Dr. and Mrs. Stanford W. Hopkins (Lois Alexander 1936) a daughter, Marguerite Stanford, on March 25, 1938.

On March 26, 1938, at the Baker Memorial, a son, to Mr. and Mrs. Reynolds C. Smith (Madeline Ross 1931).

To Mr. and Mrs. Wilfred Mitchell (Clara M. White 1929) a daughter, Clara Marie, at the Maryland General Hospital, Baltimore, Maryland, on March 28, 1938.

To Mr. and Mrs. Carlton Phillip Chadbourne (Helen V. Oakes 1932) a daughter, Lillian Gertrude, on April 11, 1938, at the Phillips House.

On May 2, 1938, at the Phillips House, a son, Joseph Henry 2nd, to Dr. and Mrs. Champ Lyons (Naomi Currier 1930).

On May 5, 1938, at the Phillips House, a son, John Francis, Jr., to Mr. and Mrs. John F. McAuliffe (Hazel Swan 1930).

M. G. H. Caps

Purchase from Miss Eunice Bradstreet, the Thayer, Massachusetts General Hospital. Price 35 cents, mail order 6 for \$2.30. 3 for \$1.25, postpaid. Caps may also be purchased from Mrs. Mary E. McKay, 18 Conant Street, Portland, Maine, and from Miss Hannah M. Wood, 423 East 64th Street, Apt. 47, 2nd Stairway, New York City.

In Memoriam

Mrs. Maria Llewellyn Card

Died in Nice, France, on March 25, 1938, Maria L. Card, widow of the late William Warren Card of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, one of the early associates of George Westinghouse. Mrs. Card (Maria Llewellyn 1884) conducted a farming school for orphans in France during the World War, with her own funds and was made an officer in the French Legion of Honor for this service. Mrs. Card who was in her eighties, had lived abroad since 1915.

Mary Hurd Lawson

Died on April 3, 1938, in Sheffield, Alabama, Mrs. Gifford H. Lawson (Mary M. Hurd 1902).

Mary E. Higson

Mary E. Higson of 37 Davis Street, Providence, Rhode Island, died Sunday, April 1, 1938. Miss Higson was a private duty nurse in Providence for many years. She was a graduate from the Training School of the Massachusetts General Hospital in 1907.

In Memoriam

Martha P. Parker

Martha P. Parker (1890) died Tuesday, May 17, 1938, in the Home for Aged Women in Salem, Massachusetts. Miss Parker organized the training school for nurses at the Central Maine General Hospital in Lewiston, Maine, and for many years was its superintendent, holding similar positions in Lawrence and Salem, Massachusetts.

Dr. James Jackson Minot

Dr. James Jackson Minot died on April 30, 1938, at his home, 188 Marlborough Street, Boston, Massachusetts, in his eighty-sixth year. Dr. Minot was connected with the Massachusetts General Hospital until his retirement several years ago and at the time of his death was one of its honorary physicians. He was best known for his work in the prevention and care of tuberculosis, and was one of the founders of the Boston Tuberculosis Association.

News

The Massachusetts General starts work on the George Robert White Memorial Building. Contracts have been awarded the architectural firm of Coolidge, Shepley, Bulfinch and Abbott, and the Sawyer Construction Company.

Mildred Foster (1936) has accepted the position of teaching supervisor at the Hahnemann Hospital in Worcester, Massachusetts.

Lillian F. Norton (1933) resigned as Anesthetist at the Massachusetts General Hospital on May 1st, to attend the Public Health Course at Simmons College.

Rita Florence Rein (1934) is Anesthetist at the Childrens' Hospital, Boston, Massachusetts.

May we extend our congratulations to the Peter Bent Brigham Hospital on its 25th Anniversary. International history has been made by this institution during a short period. The Training School for Nurses was organized by Miss Carrie M. Hall (1904).

We are glad to report that Mrs. Henrietta Augustine Elliott (1920) is making favorable progress on Ward E, after her long illness.

Ruth Hathaway (1938) is doing Public Health nursing under the Red Cross in Rockland, Maine.

Louise Moser (1936) is now night supervisor at the Colorado Psychopathic Hospital which is the psychiatric unit of the University of Colorado at Denver.

Mary A. Hurley (1936) is now Mrs. Ralphard Hartline.

The following students at Teachers College, Columbia, will receive a B.S. degree in June:

Dora E. McEwan (1924), Mary J. MacKay (1911), Lyyli Eklund (1931), and Edna S. Lepper (1926). Their future positions will carry them to several cities; Miss McEwan is to be instructor in nursing practice at the Highland Hospital, Rochester, New York. Miss MacKay returns to her position as Superintendent of Nurses at the Heywood Hospital in Gardner, Massachusetts. Miss Eklund will teach the sciences at Faulkner Hospital, Jamaica Plain, Massachusetts, and Miss Lepper is to be Superintendent of Nurses and Principal of the School of Nursing at the Cooley-Dickinson Hospital, Northampton, Massachusetts.

We are glad to announce that two Alumnae will receive their Masters' Degree from Teachers College, Columbia, in June. They are Sylvia Perkins (1928) and Anna M. Taylor (1928).

Ruth Hopper (1924) is to be science instructor at the Buffalo General Hospital in Buffalo, New York.

Ethel Carleton (1937) is now head nurse on Ward F.

Agnes V. Murphy (1918) sailed from New York, June 1, 1938, on the S. S. Washington for a six weeks tour of England, Scotland, Ireland and France.

Real ducks with blue plumage adorn pond near Massachusetts General. Patients and employees at the Massachusetts General Hospital rubbed their eyes on the morning of April 23rd, when they saw five pink, blue and vari-colored Easter ducks swimming in a pond caused by spring rains in an excavation for a building. Some passersby could not avoid wondering whether the ducks had any relationship with pink elephants. Practical persons, who noted the realistic quacks of the birds, suspected they had been tinted with hospital supplies. The pink duck, for instance, had a shade of coloring reminiscent of mercurochrome, while the others seemed slightly chemical in appearance. The mysterious happenings at the pond began when some one erected a "no fishing" sign recently. It was followed a few nights later by a dummy with a fish pole.

Herald-Traveler

On May 16, 1938, Esther Anna Skibo (1932) resigned as nurse in the Ophthalmic operating room at the Massachusetts Eye and Ear Infirmary.

Mabel Keach Bond (1924) writes that she is on a trip to San Francisco, stopping at Havana, Panama, Acapulco and Los Angeles.

Althea Bolles (1927) is in charge of a ward of fifty-four patients at the Chicago Lying-In Hospital. She is also taking courses at Chicago University. She writes that the Massachusetts General Hospital nurses in Chicago are planning a get-together soon.

Georgia Mary Shull (1937) has been appointed Assistant of the Pediatric Ward at the Massachusetts Eye and Ear Infirmary.

Mrs. Donald Valentine (Grace Barrett 1933) has resigned as Anesthetist at the Massachusetts Eye and Ear Infirmary.

Class of 1929—What suggestions do you have for our 10th Reunion in 1939? Write to Margaret McGarry, 35 Grove Street, Boston or Vieno T. Johnson, 45 Chambers Street, Boston. Let us make our plans early.

Members of Base Hospital No. 6 will be pleased to hear from our good friend, the French priest "Cure l'abbe Lagorce". He is located in

Begles, Gironde, Bordeaux, France, and has written several most interesting letters, remembering with pleasure his associations with the American Officers, Infirmière and Soldats. His one great desire is to visit America and his many friends here.

Mary M. Springer (1926) resigned as Nursing Arts Instructor in the Highland Hospital, Rochester, New York, on May 30, 1938.

Alice Maude Townsend (1916) was discharged from the Baker Memorial Hospital May 21, 1938. Miss Townsend is convalescing at her sister's home in Lyons, New York. Her address is Barbour Hospital, Lyons, New York, in care of Mrs. John Carmer.

Barbara S. Phillips (1935) is working in the City Hospital, Welfare Island, New York, New York.

Harriet J. McCollum (1919) is Executive Assistant in the Admitting Office of the Massachusetts Eye and Ear Infirmary, doing vacation relief.

Mr. and Mrs. Sumner Coleman, (Helen K. Judd 1916) and son Robert, from Easthampton, Massachusetts, spent several days in Boston this Spring.

Helen McCaskill (1919) has returned to her duties as Executive Assistant in the Admitting Office of the Massachusetts Eye and Ear Infirmary after a sick leave. Sympathy is extended to Miss McCaskill upon the sudden death of her uncle in Switzerland.

Miss Margaret A. Dieter (1916) Director of Nurses at the Massachusetts Memorial Hospital, gave the address at the graduation exercises of the Beth Israel Hospital Training School for Nurses May 18, 1938. Miss Dieter emphasized the need of personality plus technical training in nursing.

Mrs. Hamilton Norwood is Assistant Superintendent of the New Bedford City Infirmary, New Bedford, Massachusetts.

We welcomed to the April Alumnae meeting and to "Pops" M. G. H. night, many of our Alumnae, who have been out on sick leave:

Amy Birge (1909)
Filomena DiCicco (1922)
Mina A. McKay (1907)
Helen L. Redfern (1907)
Elizabeth A. Flusk (1895)

Esther Dart (1891) has returned to her home, 1126 Boylston Street, Boston, Massachusetts, after spending four months at Daytona Beach, Florida.

On May 25, 1938, Elspeth S. Campbell (1909) sailed from New York on the S. S. Queen Mary for a seven weeks trip. Miss Campbell will land in Cherbourg, France, visit Paris and London and take a two weeks motor trip through England and Scotland.

Louise S. Zutter (1913) sailed from Boston June 4, 1938, on the S. S. Franconia for a two months European trip. Miss Zutter will land in Glasgow, Scotland, visit the Empire Exposition and various places of interest in Scotland, thence to England, Norway, Sweden, Denmark, Germany and Holland.

Daphne Corbett (1925) and Mary Springer (1926) will be Instructors at the summer session of Simmons College. Miss Corbett will have the freshman group at the Peter Bent Brigham Hospital and Miss Springer will assist Mrs. Gall (Phyllis Revard 1931) with the Sophomore group at the Massachusetts General Hospital. Marjorie Johnson (1929) will teach materia medica at the summer session of Simmons School of Nursing.

Since August 1, 1937, Harriott L. Friend (1904) has been Director at Headquarters, for the California State Nurses Association. This association has forty districts, and publishes a monthly magazine. Miss Friend writes that she is extremely busy and enjoying her work.

On May 4, 1938, Mary E. Clark resigned as housekeeper of the Physicians' Hospital in Plattsburgh, New York, after thirteen years of continuous service, completing nearly fifty years of her life in hospital work. The older graduates will remember Miss Clark as housekeeper of the Massachusetts General Hospital from 1902 to 1922. Miss Clark is living at her old home at Westport, New York.

Mrs. Frank J. Mattiolo (Angeline B. Bagley 1914) was a patient in the Baker Memorial this Spring. She is convalescing at her home in Southboro, Massachusetts.

Marjorie Harrison and Lucile Howd, both of the class of 1938, are staff nurses with the V. N. A. of Waterbury, Connecticut. They live at 23 Fleming Street in Waterbury.

Mrs. Fred L. Morrow (Martha Holcomb 1931) now lives at 36 Harrison Street, New Britain, Connecticut.

Sympathy is extended to Mrs. Francis A. Smith (Margaret Dean 1930) for the loss of her mother. Mrs. Dean died on May 10, 1938, at the Baker Memorial Hospital.

Margaret Eleanor Delaney (1936) resigned as head nurse of the Throat Clinic of the Massachusetts Eye and Ear Infirmary on March

31, 1938, to become office nurse for Dr. LeRoy A. Schall, Ear, Nose and Throat specialist at 270 Commonwealth Avenue, Boston, Massachusetts. Edwina N. Hussey (1937) succeeded Miss Delaney in the Throat Clinic.

There has been a recent change in the supervisory staff of the Training School Office. Harriet McCollum (1919) resigned her position as Supervisor of Personnel on March 12, 1938. Mrs. Wayland (Geneva Leach 1921) is now carrying on this work.

Mrs. Theodore Arel (Margaret G. Olsen 1927) of 3 Searle Avenue, Northampton, Massachusetts, visited the hospital recently.

Are you interested in securing back copies of the Quarterly Record? There are a number of old copies available, for the cost of postage. We may not have just the copy you desire, but we shall try to fill your order if possible. Will you send the exact date of the numbers you wish, and refund to us, what it may cost for postage. Send requests to The Treasurer of the Alumnae Association, Mrs. Twomey, at the Alumnae Office in the Hospital.

Margaret A. Matheson (1912) executive secretary of the cardiac division of the New York Tuberculosis Association attended the Annual meeting of the Massachusetts Tuberculosis League held at the Hotel Vendome April 11, 1938. Following the meeting Miss Matheson called on several of her friends and classmates at the Massachusetts General Hospital and the Massachusetts Eye and Ear Infirmary.

A new residence for graduate nurses only, was opened at 17 Parkman Street, last Fall, under Miss McCollum's direction. This building is in the block adjacent to the Walcott House and consists of four separate but connecting houses. There is a little courtyard between two of them, in which a garden has been started. There are several kitchenettes, laundries, etc., conveniently located on the different floors and attractive living rooms on the main floor. Tea is served in the afternoon, as in the other residences. Now that we have an increased number of general duty nurses throughout the hospital this new residence, with its ninety rooms, is nearly always filled, both with our own graduates and those from other hospitals.

Dorothy I. Magoon (1937) now Mrs. Frank Dudley, is doing public health nursing in Vermont.

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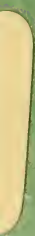


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FOR THIS UNIVERSE

O God, we thank Thee for this universe,

Our great home;

For its vastness and its riches,

For the manifoldness of the life

Which teems upon it, of which we are a part.

We praise Thee for the arching sky

And the blessed winds,

The driving clouds and the constellations on high.

We praise Thee for the salt sea, and the running water,

For the everlasting hills, the trees, and the grass under our feet.

Grant us a heart wide open to all this joy and beauty.

Save our souls from being so steeped in care

Or so darkened by passion that we pass heedless and unseeing

When even the bush by the wayside

Is aflame with the glory of God.

—WALTER RAUSCHENBUSCH

"THOU SHALT SPEAK — BE NO MORE DUMB"

—EZEKIEL XXIV-27TH

"Speech is silver — Silence is golden"

The proverb above may well be reversed if you can imagine yourself rather suddenly, totally and permanently deprived of your voice after four decades or so in which you have taken this precious faculty for granted in a somewhat fatalistic fashion but used it and abused it, depending much upon it for your livelihood as well as for your pleasure. The greatest tool of self expression is the voice. Without it there ceases to be a well-integrated personality.

As the lens extraction is a second miracle to the cataract patient in restoring useful vision, so too is the "artificial larynx", a unique little instrument of steel and rubber, which will enable a man to talk who has had a removal of his larynx usually because of a malignancy.

Some fifteen years ago, the president of Cuba had a laryngectomy performed because of cancer, which was a great handicap. Loss of voice had been one of the chief contraindications to surgical removal of a malignant larynx for it had been said that some who might have gained a much prolonged and comfortable life by operation, sacrificed life rather than live on without the power of speech. The Cuban official, knowing that the Bell Telephone Laboratories were attempting to scientifically study the "voice-box", appealed to them, saying: "If you men know as much about the human voice as you say you do, why don't you find something to replace it?" In the face of this challenge the various experimenters produced the first artificial larynx and presented it to the Cuban. With this apparatus he was able to resume his presidential duties to the fullest extent. It was from this first "voice-box" that modern strides have been made in building up a synthetic larynx.

In order to understand the mechanism of the supplied larynx it is necessary to get a "bird's eye view" of the structure and function of the normal larynx which is situated in the upper and front part of the neck between the root of the tongue and the trachea. The larynx is broad above and tapers down as it reaches the trachea. It resembles a triangular box with its flat sides and prominent ridge in front. The nine pieces of cartilage which make up this structure are fastened by ligaments and moved by muscles.

There are three principle cartilages. The first and largest is the thyroid which resembles a shield consisting of two square plates which join at acute angles in front (the Adam's apple). The thyroid cartilage rests upon the cricoid cartilage which resembles a signet ring and is directly above the trachea. A leaf-like cartilage, known as the epiglottis, is situated just above the upper opening of the

larynx and is fastened to the back of the tongue and the thyroid cartilage. It is thought to be connected with the modification of tone quality, but its main purpose is to close off the trachea on swallowing. Little is known about the other paired cartilages.

Extending into the cavity of the larynx on each side, near the upper opening are two pairs of horizontal ridges consisting of elastic connective tissue covered with mucous membrane. The upper pair are known as the false vocal cords while the lower are the true cords and the principle agents in voice production. The false cords aid in breath control.

In phonation the vocal cords produce the sound known as "voice" due to their vibrations on expiration of air. As the air travels upward and outward, the beginning vibrations are amplified in the resonating chambers of the pharynx, mouth, and nasal accessory sinuses. Pitch depends upon the number of vibrations which varies according to tension, length and thickness of the cords: that is, the tighter the cord, the higher the voice.

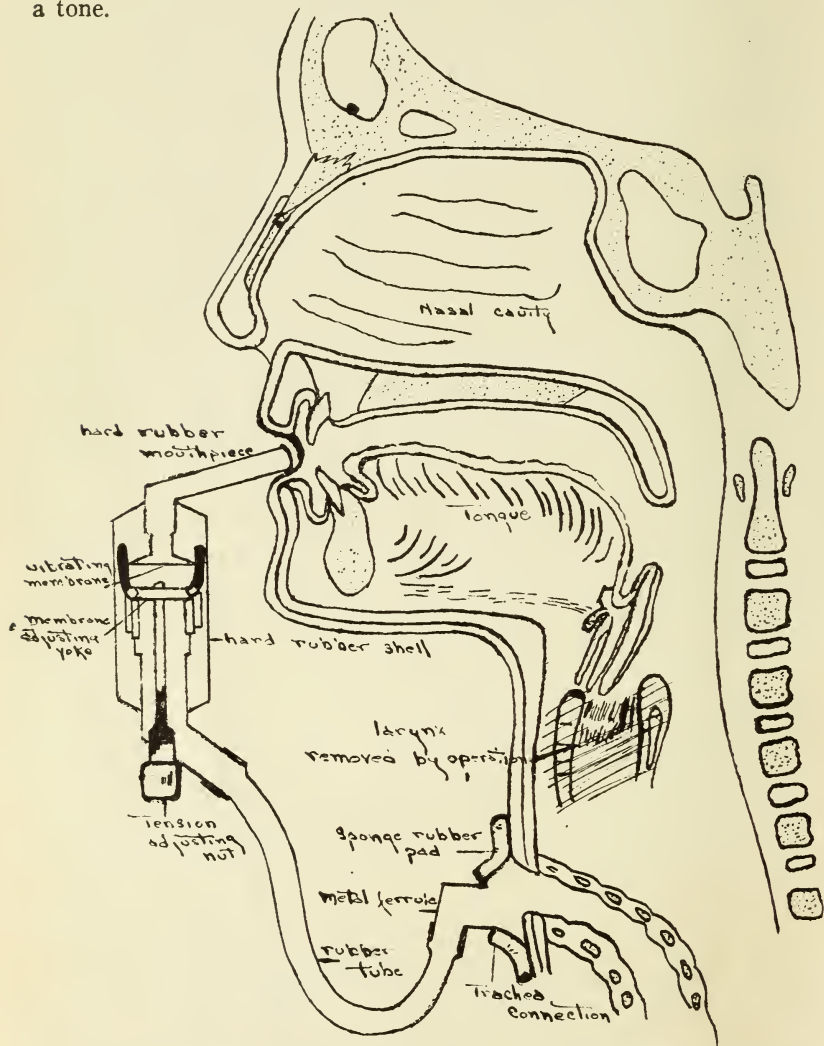
From the above one may understand that the larynx is a mechanism which produces voice due to the stimulation of the cords when exhaled air is passed over them. In order to speak — that is, form words — it is necessary that these vibrations be broken up and reshaped. This is accomplished chiefly by the lips, tongue and teeth.

The question which now arises is: How can a person speak if the means of making sound is removed? The Bell Laboratory answered this by producing an artificial larynx not as a commercial venture but because its scientists appreciated with what pathos patients made dumb in adult life had to meet the tragic situation.

In this artificial larynx a non-errosive tube is placed within a steel cylinder. The inner tube has a partially removed face, thus supplying a resonating chamber. A small rubber bed is placed over this opening and a thin reed of steel is fastened upon it on one end while the other is left free. Since the patient is no longer able to breathe normally with a laryngectomy, it is necessary to make an opening into the trachea for breathing purposes as the wind-pipe has been sutured off. When a patient operates an artificial larynx a tube is placed in this opening at the throat and continues to the cylinder.

At the upper end of this instrument is a second tube which is placed in the mouth, thereby setting up a complete air passage from the lungs to the mouth. As air is expelled from the lungs, it passes through the first tube into the cylinder where it sets the reed into vibrations. This column of vibrating air is carried into the mouth as sound and is formed into words by means of the lips, teeth, tongue and buccal muscles.

The user, when talking, inhales between phrases and sentences by lifting the finger or thumb from the hole on the side of the sound box and exhales with the finger or thumb over the hole, thus forcing the air to pass around the reed causing it to produce a tone.



How the artificial larynx works. The windpipe or trachea is terminated in the neck. It is extended by the rubber tubing to the artificial larynx where a vibratory metal reed does the work of the vocal cords.

In the beginning these voices may be somewhat distorted in pitch, tone and quality but practice readily overcomes this. Inflection may be produced by varying the lung pressure. In order to modify pitch so that a woman will not have a deep, husky male voice or a man a high squeak, one can vary the length of the vibrating reed — the shorter the length of the reed, the higher the voice.

Although the artificial larynx imitates a delicate mechanism, they are not easily breakable. Care must be taken to keep the reed flat and smooth. Washing in soap and water with a thorough drying constitutes sufficient weekly care. Usually the patients keep them conveniently in a zipper tobacco pouch.

This voice-making device is made only to benefit humanity and not for profit. It costs the Western Electric Company, a subsidiary of the Bell System \$22.00 to make this instrument. It is given to the patients for just that amount without any cost of the many related services. The Social Service Department of the Massachusetts Eye and Ear Infirmary have a benefit fund for this purpose plus specially trained workers who teach the patient how to use this apparatus and help him to find his place again as a personality in normal society. It is said that a young New York lawyer addresses his jury by means of an artificial larynx; a Vermont salesman evaluates his products by his "sound box" and that an Italian senora gossips over her back fence with her "pipe". There are about four hundred and fifty artificial larynges successfully used in the United States.

If we could realize the intrinsic joy experienced by the patient who is able to commune again with his family and friends we would reiterate the words of St. Paul: "The living voice is that which sways the soul".

MARIE E. SCHERER '36

NURSING EDUCATION PROGRAM AT BOSTON UNIVERSITY

Massachusetts nurses will be interested in the program of courses in nursing education, to be initiated by the School of Education at Boston University, in the college year, 1938-1939. For the first semester, beginning September, 1938, the course, "Current Trends in American Nursing" will be offered, open to all graduate nurses. This course will be followed in the second semester by a second, "Orientation to the Field of Nursing Education". Admission to this second course will be limited to those who meet the matriculation requirements of Boston University, and are eligible through

graduation from an approved school, state registration, and satisfactory graduate experience in first-level positions in nursing schools, showing that they are ready for second-level positions, i. e., teaching or supervision.

This program is endorsed by the directors of the Massachusetts League of Nursing Education, which has been working with the School of Education during the past year. It is offered in response to an apparent demand on the part of nurses of Boston and New England for advanced professional work of university grade for teaching and supervisory positions in the field of nursing education. For these courses college credit may be earned toward the degree of Bachelor of Science in Education. Details concerning these courses, as to fees, time and place of meeting, and eligibility may be secured by writing to Dean Jesse B. Davis, School of Education, Boston University, 84 Exeter St., Boston, Mass.

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Class of 1913 Twenty-Fifth Anniversary

The twenty-fifth anniversary of the Class of 1913 will be celebrated October 15, 16 and 17, 1938. We hope all forty-nine members will come. Please answer promptly letter and questionnaire sent to you and return to Miss Mabel Wheeler, Taunton Hospital, Taunton, Mass.

If members of the Alumnae have any amusing and interesting snapshots or pictures taken of former house officers, nurses, groups of nurses, etc., in and about the hospital, between 1907 and 1915, the loan of them would be appreciated. Some present day pictures to show contrast would be interesting. These will be shown in the Reflector. Mark each picture plainly with your name and address, send to Miss Helen O'Dea, 47 Lorraine Street, Roslindale, Mass., by October 1, 1938. They will be returned to you.

M. G. H. Caps

Purchase from Miss Eunice Bradstreet, the Thayer, Massachusetts General Hospital. Price 35 cents, mail order 6 for \$2.30. 3 for \$1.25, postpaid. Caps may also be purchased from Miss Hannah M. Wood, 423 East 64th Street, Apt. 47, 2nd Stairway, New York City.

The next Alumnae Meeting will be held on Monday, October 17, 1938.

STUDENTS' PAGE

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In June the Student Nurses Co-operative Association offered the first school stationery for sale to members of the school. The paper, headed by an attractive print of the Bulfinch Building, comes in two sizes with envelopes to match. At the rate the paper is being sold, we judge that everyone is very pleased with it.

Students in their Psychology course consider their own personality characteristics as well as the daily behavior which will help them correct undesirable habits.

One of our students just finishing the course illustrates this lesson in rhyme.

FLORENCE C. KEMPF

Supervisor of Instruction of Sciences

STUBBORNNESS — PROCRASTINATION

Stubbornness is very bad,
It spoils a person's make-up —
Who could correct it easily
If she would only wake-up.

And try to practice "giving in",
And trying to 'agree
To what the other person wants
To do or wants to see.

Procrastination, too, is bad,
It upsets plans and work,
And time must then be stolen
To complete the tasks we shirk.

For everything eventually,
Must be attended to
So planning work effectively
Will be a help to you.

And by determining to do
These things as you have planned
You'll get great satisfaction
With Leisure time on hand.

The Senior Class held two very successful Strawberry Festivals during the month of June. The idea originated from those held in former years by the Alumnae Association but the class did not attempt to sell as large quantities as the Alumnae did. They were content to sell only shortcakes and sundaes for a few hours in the afternoon. Business was very brisk during those hours and the profit satisfactory.

The June Formal Dance, sponsored by the Class of Nineteen Hundred and Forty, was held in the Rotunda of the Moseley Building on Saturday evening, June eleventh. The room was attractively decorated with palms, spring flowers and large purple balloons. The Bulfinch lawn was festive with colored Japanese lanterns. About sixty couples enjoyed the evening of dancing. Patrons included, Dr. and Mrs. Norman Baker, Dr. and Mrs. W. Franklin Wood, Dr. and Mrs. L. V. Ragsdale, Miss Sally Johnson, Miss Cecile Authier and Miss Mildred Cartland. Dance Chairman Barbara Pickett was assisted by, Mary Huckins, Constance Jarvis and Rea Eagan.

AN ORTHOPEDIC CASE STUDY

GENEVIEVE BAKER, *Class of 1939*

The patient, whom we shall call John, was brought to the Massachusetts General Hospital Out-Patient Department by his mother on September 24, 1936, and was immediately referred to the Orthopedic Clinic where a diagnosis of talipes equino-varus, or congenital clubfoot, was made.

This deformity has been known and discussed since the early days of Greek medicine, but only in the past twenty-five years has it been effectively treated. The cause is not definitely known, though heredity seems to play a part for clubfeet do tend to recur in certain families. The condition is sometimes accompanied by other congenital defects, such as dislocated hips, harelip, spina bifida, torticollis, or absence of certain bones. But the majority of cases fall under the heading of secondary congenital variations, meaning that they are the result of influences in utero, such as pressure, deficiency in amniotic fluid, etc., and not due to inherently defective ova. The child is born with one or both feet turned inward and downward, and the distortion increases as the child grows. There is no paralysis or evidence of disease, and the general health is not affected. If allowed to go untreated, the entire structure of the foot adapts itself to the deformity. The mesial lateral ligament, the

plantar fascia, and the Achilles tendon become greatly shortened. The muscles change in their directions and pulls, the bones harden and develop in abnormal position, and the tibia and fibula twist so that the leg is rotated inward, the ankle joint being placed at an angle oblique to its relative position to the knee. When the child begins to walk, a large bursa develops under the external malleolus where the weight of the body is carried, and if treatment is deferred until he is much older, there is little hope of a normal foot resulting. Operative procedure — a triple arthrodesis or a bone block — does correct the deformity to a great extent but does not give a flexible foot, for the surgeon must sacrifice mobility in order to stabilize the foot in better position.

Fortunately, however, John's foot is being treated early enough to make manipulation effective. This is best started immediately after birth — even a one or two days old baby is not too young — but the hospital where John was born had no facilities for carrying on corrective procedures. The doctor who delivered the child advised the mother to have it taken care of, but it appears that he failed to make her realize the necessity for having it done at once. She is an intelligent person, though, and would probably have consulted someone promptly if her husband, a shoe worker, had not lost his position. All their slender means had been spent at the time of the baby's birth, so they had to appeal to the Welfare Board. The Town now supplies rent, fuel, necessary clothing, one quart of milk daily, the Dextri-Maltose for the baby's formula, and a food allowance of three dollars per week for the family of husband, wife, and baby.

About the fifteenth of September, the child's father went to the Welfare Board and demanded that something be done for John's foot. Several visits were made to the Board, by both the father and mother, before it was finally decided that a car and driver should be provided for transportation to the Massachusetts General Hospital, and that the town should pay for the necessary visits and care of the foot.

When I first saw the baby, he was lying on the examining table in a booth in the clinic. He was somewhat pale, but looked well cared for and clean. His mother was quietly answering the doctor's questions concerning the child's health and habits. Perhaps there was a shade of defense in her manner, as if she were conscious of being a charity case and didn't like it very much, but that soon vanished under Doctor N—'s obvious interest in her small son.

After a brief physical examination which disclosed no other abnormality, John was x-rayed to rule out the possibility of other defects, such as dislocated hip. The pictures were negative. Then he was taken to the plaster room and his first corrective cast was

applied. First his left leg from toe to about one inch below the groin was wrapped snugly with sheet wadding. The narrow width, $1\frac{1}{2}$ -2 inches, was used to prevent wrinkling and the skin was covered with two or three thicknesses to guard against pressure from the plaster. Then, with the knee flexed and the foot firmly held in as everted a position as possible, the leg was wrapped with plaster bandage, also narrow. These bandages are made by rubbing plaster of paris into crinoline and rolling into a rather loose roll. They are immersed in a pail of luke warm water just before using and are allowed to soak for two or three minutes, then squeezed slightly at the ends to exclude excess water. They are applied in almost the same manner as an ordinary gauze bandage, care being taken to avoid wrinkling and tight bandaging which might restrict circulation. A cast of this kind extends to a point above the flexed knee, to prevent the child's kicking it off. The toes are left uncovered so that the circulation can be checked.

In this cast, as in several to follow, on John's foot, the only correction attempted was that of the inversion. When that has been accomplished the equinus, or pointing downward, of the foot will be corrected. The cast is changed every week or ten days. On each visit the old cast will be soaked off, the skin cared for with alcohol and powder or cold cream, and a new cast applied in as much additional correction as possible without too much discomfort to the child. Trauma is avoided, and, surprisingly, the baby does not cry very long after the cast has been applied.

The mother's part in the care of the cast is of the utmost importance. She was told to watch the toes for blueness and coldness, and to bring the child in to the clinic if he cried persistently for an unreasonable length of time. As a matter of fact, there is little danger of a pressure area resulting from a properly applied cast, but one cannot be too careful with a patient who is unable to explain what hurts. The task of keeping the cast dry has been accomplished by the mother cutting up an extra rubber sheet into four small pieces which she tucks around the top of the cast, and changes every time she changes the diaper. From the very first visit she has been told how important is her part in John's care. She knows that after a time the casts will be omitted and adhesive strapping substituted, and that she will then have to exercise the foot by rotating it outward and upward many, many times a day.

The baby's prognosis is quite good. When he is ready for weight-bearing, he will need special shoes with wedges on the outside to overcome any tendency to inversion. He may have to wear a brace, to throw the foot into eversion and keep the toes lifted to correct any remaining tendency to equinus.

It seems fairly certain that, before he is old enough to acquire

a faulty mental attitude because of physical abnormality, his foot will be normal insofar as use is concerned. But he should be instructed to emphasize for some time the over-correction of his foot. For instance, when sitting he should remember to rotate his foot outward — never inward. Such small things sometimes seem unimportant to patients, but may mean all the difference between an excellent end-result and one which is only fair.

This case study has been interesting from two points of view. The treatment of clubfeet seems important to me because I know at least three persons whose lives would have been vastly different if they had been fortunate enough to be handled as John's case is being handled now. And the ease and matter-of-factness with which the social side of the matter was taken care of makes one a little proud to be part of an institution to which people turn with such confidence.

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Where to Write

1. Send letters for publication of marriages, births, engagements, news, queries as to addresses, etc., to Dorothy M. Tarbox, Massachusetts Eye and Ear Infirmary, Boston, Massachusetts.

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3. Annual dues with change of address, to Anne Lyons Twomey, Massachusetts General Hospital, Boston, Massachusetts.

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5. Send Sick Relief dues to, Elizabeth Hatlow, 1111 Boylston Street, Boston, Massachusetts.

6. Send donations for the Endowment Fund to, Miss Sally Johnson, Massachusetts General Hospital, Boston, Massachusetts.

7. For the Loan Fund to, Miss Katherine Pierce, John Hancock Mutual Life Insurance Co., Boston, Massachusetts.

THE ALUMNAE

Excerpts from letter of Mrs. Hugh Robinson (Olga Olsen 1915)

We are greatly discouraged at the Military Events. There is not much I can say; — however, we simply love to keep on hoping and believing that the right will eventually triumph. But “eventually” has a long, long sound.

Dr. Robinson has been all alone in the hospital for more than six months, when the Chinese doctor went to take a six month's course in tuberculosis, he, Hugh, was so busy that all we ever saw of him was when he came home to eat and sleep. He has, in the six years we have been in this station, gotten under way, a big prevention program in the schools here. The daily student clinics (Chinese middle and primary schools) are huge — not to speak at all of the regular out patient and in patient work for the general population. I am thankful indeed that Hugh has so much satisfaction in his work — the financial rewards rarely keep the wolf away from our door! But we live in a spacious and beautiful mission compound; in a comfortable house, and our children are spared a great deal of the undesirable influences in the modern American community. The fact that they are rather brutally thrust into the maelstrom of American life when they go home to college is true — curiously enough, missionary children seem to swim instead of sink, when the test comes. We hope for the best, for ours.

We leave here a little more than a year from now. We are hopefully planning on a freighter around by the ports, clear to Oslo, in Norway, but so far, the arithmetic won't come out right! I covet for Hugh the restful two months on a vessel which just loafs along, with only 12 passengers in all. If we go, Hugh will be the boat physician, and the other six passengers will probably be friends of ours who also are on their way home on furlough. We shall spend a month or so in Norway, near my uncle's home on the Oslofjord, and that month will surely be a heavenly interlude — after the stresses of seven years in China — and the probably stresses of a furlough year. Were I to tell you of the sad state, from the point of view of personnel, of our North China Mission, you'd no doubt think I was exaggerating. In our whole mission there are only four or five people under forty! No new recruits for years. And the men and women in the thick of the work breaking down under the strain of these days. I now do not refer to such relatively unimportant people as wives — tho the problem of divided families is a real

one — men in dangerous, war-torn stations, with wives and children either in Peking or Tientsen.

Should you see notices in the fall of a speaker named Dr. W. E. Judd, from China, you'll want to hear him, I'm sure. I can't tell you here why he is going home, or what he will lecture about, but you'll make no mistake if you go to listen to what he has to say.

It is with real trepidation that we open our newspapers these days to read about the state of affairs in Europe. Isn't it utterly amazing that the human race seems incapable of learning anything from the experience of others? Must each generation have a horrible war of its own? What dreadful things are being stored up for our children.

We've had some marvelously cool weather, and nice showers, an unusual thing in a North China spring.

In two and a half weeks we go to our lovely summer resort. We are longing for a peaceful summer.

I do hope to see many of my friends while we are home on furlough. This time we shall live in Auburndale, Mass.

OLGA OLSEN ROBINSON (1915)

Excerpts from a letter written by Emeline Bowne (1920)

A description by Miss Bowne of the arrival of the first contingent of wounded soldiers in St. James Hospital, Anking, China, October 8, 1937.

Raining. Word has come from our hospital First Aid Unit who are assisting with the dressings of the 1,000 newly arrived wounded soldiers from Shanghai, that 30 or more of the serious cases will be sent into our hospital as soon as possible — women patients are moved into one ward; civilian patients are moved into a former women's ward. Suddenly, in the midst of it all the Ching Pao sounds (the Air Raid alarm — pronounced Jing Bough) and all work stops until the release is given. The kitchen is notified to prepare 30 extra meals, the men in charge of the hot water stove, 30 extra baths. Everything is in readiness. Stretchers arrive carried by soldiers. Grim, unsmiling faces are contorted with pain as the men are lifted from stretcher to bed. It is a slow process, for many have more than one wound and the lifting must be done very carefully. Dirty blankets, a few pieces of extra clothing are pushed quickly under the bed. Empty stretchers are replaced by those with their miserable burdens. One by one the beds are filled; stretchers have gone; the wet straw, part of the former beds of the wounded is swept up; a responsible person is listing and caring for "valuables" and clothing; blood stained clothing is put aside to be washed.

Baths and fresh clothing relax the drawn faces and our newest patients are ready for steaming hot supper.

Faces are no longer grim and unsmiling. They are faces belonging to young farmer boys or those of the artisan class. They are hundreds of miles from home. Some of them cannot speak the Mandarin dialect, but all of them are grateful for the small bit the hospital is doing for them.

The hospital is our principal point of contact with the outside life of the city. Naturally, then, when the National Health Administration sends its representatives to Anking to make arrangements with the city for the care of 5,000 soldiers, it is St. James that the city turns for help with the more serious cases. Both Dr. John K. S. Sung, Supt. of the hospital, and Dr. Taylor are asked to be surgical advisors for the other hospitals. The worst cases are brought as planned, to our hospital and many vicious bits of shrapnel are removed from tortured bodies, many are the legs and arms that were amputated. Not only has the hospital been giving the much needed surgical aid, and the nursing, but Dr. Sung has been a warm personal friend to all of them. So popular is he that he cannot go into a ward unless he has time for all 14 in that ward. No running in and looking at one patient only — he can't get by with that.

IN WUHU AND NANCHANG

Not only in Anking are folks busy caring for the refugees and wounded soldiers. The Rev. Hunter C. C. Yen of Wuhu writes: "Wuhu Christians are organized into the Christian War Time Service League under the auspices of the Wuhu Christian Council. In addition to the member churches of the Christian Council (Methodist, Advent, Christian, Christian Alliance and our own), we also have in this Service League the China Inland Mission, the Alliance Mission and the Oriental Missionary Society. The type of work so far is mainly for the comfort and relief of the wounded soldiers here. Through the help of the Rotary Club, we have made 20 stretchers for carrying wounded soldiers to the base hospital daily upon their arrival at Wuhu . . . Christians visit the hospital daily except Sunday . . . to make personal contact, and to give comfort, both physical and spiritual. In this connection the students have also given valuable help in the way of writing letters for the soldiers with note paper and envelopes supplied by the Service." In another letter we learn that the Service League has contributed 199 suits of clothing and 40 sleeveless vests of which St. Lioba's Church contributed 92 of the suits.

EMELINE BOWNE (1920)

ENGAGEMENTS

Anna Louise Sargent (1936) to Mr. Paul S. McKinnon of Boston and Lawrence, Massachusetts.

Anna Charlotte Louise Fyhr (1937) to Dr. James Lewis of Holland Patent, New York.

Eva Marie Borrner (1936) to Dr. Irad B. Hardy, Jr., of Waltham, Massachusetts.

MARRIAGES

Florence Theresa MacCallum (1932) to Mr. Otto Fahlbusch on April 19, 1938, at Medford, Massachusetts.

Evelyn Eddy (1929) to Dr. Joseph B. Furst on May 14, 1938, at Rochester, New York. Dr. and Mrs. Furst reside at 90 Westbrook Road, Pittsford, New York.

Anielli A. Danyla (1933) to Mr. Francis J. Shields, Jr., on June 18, 1938 at Westfield, Massachusetts. Mr. and Mrs. Shields will live in Boston.

Alice E. Bogdan (1925) to Mr. Anthony Larrecq on June 11, 1938 at Westfield, Massachusetts.

Maybelle Peverly (1927) to Dr. Donald Failing on June 28, 1938 at Castleton, New York. At home after July 15, 1938, 381 Broadway, Dobbs Ferry, New York.

Helen Elizabeth Bent (1936) to Mr. Edward Herman Martin on July 1, 1938 at West Somerville, Massachusetts.

Esther Q. Tuell (1925) to Mr. George Wilmont Roberts on July 16, 1938 in Tacoma, Washington. At home after September 15, 1938 in Walla Walla, Washington.

Bessie Helen Jones (1921) to Mr. Harold R. Thombs in July, 1938. Mr. and Mrs. Thombs are now living at 675 Washington Street, Dorchester, Massachusetts.

Mary Elizabeth Puleston (1931) to Dr. Ralph Fosdick Spencer of Hudson, New York on August 5, 1938 in the Leslie Lindsey Memorial Chapel of Emmanuel Church, Boston, Massachusetts.

BIRTHS

To Mr. and Mrs. Howard K. Crabtree, (Marian Hopkins, 1928) a son on June 14, 1938 at the Richardson House of the Boston Lying-In Hospital.

To Mr. and Mrs. Ivers Erwin Winmill (Helen Gillig, 1933) a son John Ivers on July 13, 1938 at the Baker Memorial.

To Mr. and Mrs. R. Clement Olofson (Velma M. Trull, 1932) a daughter Rebecca on June 27, 1938 at the Shaw Hospital, Lowell, Massachusetts.

To Dr. and Mrs. C. W. Bush, Jr. (Inga E. Ekman, 1935) a daughter Carla, on June 26, 1938.

Our Exchange List

The Johns Hopkins Nurses' Alumnae Magazine, Baltimore, Maryland.

Mount Sinai Alumnae News, New York City.

The Alumnae Journal—Peter Bent Brigham Hospital, Boston, Massachusetts.

St. Luke's Alumnae Bulletin, New York City.

The A. N. A. Bulletin, New York City.

The Quarterly Magazine of the Alumnae Association, Presbyterian Hospital School of Nursing, New York City.

The Newton Nurses' Alumnae Bulletin, Newton, Massachusetts.

The Bulletin of the Alumnae Association of the Philadelphia General Hospital Training School for Nurses.

The Quarterly of the Alumnae Association of the Toronto General Hospital School for Nurses.

The Alumnae Association of the Frances Payne Bolton School of Nursing of Western Reserve University.

In Memoriam

Mrs. Calhoun Livingston

Mrs. Calhoun Livingston (Annie Parker 1891) died in Waterbury, Connecticut August 16, 1938.

Mrs. Livingston had recently resigned as Matron of the Walcott House, the position which she held from September 1925 to September 1937. Her sudden death was a great shock to her many friends.

Nathaniel Thayer Kidder

Mr. Nathaniel T. Kidder, President of the Massachusetts General Hospital Corporation, died on July 13, 1938 at the Phillips House, after a long illness. He was seventy-seven years of age. Mr. Kidder graduated from Harvard College in 1882 and from the Bussey Institute in 1886, after which he became a prominent botanist. At the time of his death, in addition to being President of the Hospital Corporation, he was a Trustee of the Massachusetts General Hospital and McLean Hospital and Director of the Massachusetts Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children and the Massachusetts Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals. He donated land in Milton where he lived, for the public library and contributed a large sum to complete the central library building. This special interest extended to the Nurses' Reference Library in the Walcott House. As Chairman of the Trustees' Committee on the Training School, Mr. Kidder was interested in the School and through his influence, a full time trained librarian was secured. Through his support, a congested housing condition at the Charles Street home was relieved and the student nurses are more comfortably accommodated. Mr. Kidder was always specific in his interests; he worked for definite objectives. The Training School will miss his support and his kindly understanding of the needs of the School today.

In Memoriam

Ethel G. Proctor

Word has been received of the death of Ethel G. Proctor (1919) on November 17, 1937, in Duarte, California.

Mrs. Mary E. McKay

Mrs. Mary E. McKay mother of Mina A. McKay (1907) died on July 28, 1938 at the home of her son, 18 Conant Street, Portland, Maine. Mrs. McKay will be remembered as Matron of the Thayer Home from April 17, 1921 to April 5, 1931. We wish to extend to Miss McKay and her brother our sincere sympathy.

Dr. John B. Hawes 2nd

It is with deep regret that the members of the Massachusetts General Hospital Nurses Alumnae Association learned of the death of Dr. John B. Hawes 2nd. Dr. Hawes died suddenly of a heart attack outside his office at 330 Dartmouth Street, Boston, on July 20, 1938.

He served his internship at the Massachusetts General Hospital following graduation from the Harvard Medical School in 1903. Dr. Hawes founded the first tuberculosis clinic in Boston at the M. G. H. in 1907. He was author of several books including "You and the Doctor."

For many years he was president of the Boston Tuberculosis Association and at the time of his death a director of the Massachusetts State Tuberculosis Association. His passing is a great loss to the medical profession.

NEWS

The following M. G. H. nurses attended the Summer session at Teachers College, Columbia University. Erna Kuhn (1914) Anna K. Donovan (1918) Helen J. Marble (1920) Helen M. Giles (1924) Hazel Walker (1924) Irene M. Willard (1927) Louine Lunt (1930) Carrie M. Chick (1932) Helen Nagelschmidt (1934) Edith Roberts (1935) Marjorie Goldthwait (1936).

Anna Bentley (1915) received her Masters degree in June from Teachers College, Columbia University.

Barbara S. Carpenter (1925) received her B.S. in Education from the University of Michigan in June. She majored in Hygiene and Public Health Nursing. She is now a "Family Health Counsellor" in one of the seven southwestern counties of Michigan, whose health units are sponsored by the W. K. Kellogg Foundation. Previous to this new position, she was with the Detroit Visiting Nurse Association.

Sylvia Perkins (1928) is Assistant Professor of Nursing Education at Russell Sage College School of Nursing.

Ruth Harrington (1932) is assisting Miss Henderson this summer at Teachers College, Columbia University.

Vera Devitt (1922) is now Assistant Superintendent of the Elliott Memorial Hospital at Keene, New Hampshire.

Isabel Vinton (1938) has accepted a position with the Waterbury, Connecticut, Public Health Service. She will begin her duties September 1.

Friends of Minnie Pohe, Educational Director of the School from 1929 to 1936, will be interested to know that she has accepted the position of Educational Director of the Stanford School of Nursing, San Francisco, California.

Dorothy Wingate Graves Huffman (1922) writes from Belfair, Washington, that she is returning to work in the Indian Service. She was with this Service for five years at Yakutat, Alaska, but came out when the two children, James and Barbara, were of school age. She is eager to return as a public health nurse among the Indians.

Rhoda Woodward Miner (1933) writes from Ogden, Utah. Her husband is professor of Botany at Weber College, and she herself teaches there and at the Thomas D. Lee Memorial Hospital, where classes are organized for college credits. She is also in charge of the supply room at the hospital. She has a "very comfortable home at the base of the Rockies, including a flower and vegetable garden which is

the pride of my life. How I wish that you could all visit this country. It is truly beautiful and rugged. I miss New England but could not have substituted a prettier spot for it. The climate has done wonders for me. The word 'sinus' has no meaning in my life any more. If you ever come this way and stop in Ogden, you must visit with us and see the canyons."

The following Massachusetts General Hospital graduates are members of the American College of Hospital Administrators:

Frances P. West 1906

Amy Birge 1909

Frances V. Ladd 1911

Nellie G. Sharpe 1912

Mabel F. Wheeler 1913

Helen T. Niverson 1913

Miriam Curtis 1918

Misses Birge, Curtis and Ladd hold fellowships.

Ethel E. Goss (1914) who has been theoretical instructor at the Children's Hospital in San Francisco, California the past thirteen years, returned to Boston last Spring to note the changes in the practical and theoretical teaching at the Massachusetts General and Massachusetts Eye and Ear Infirmary.

Miss Goss is living in New York, her present address is c/o John Goss (brother), Room 1230, 350 5th Avenue, New York City.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Jones (Edna Harrison 1910) son Paul Jr. and daughter Ruth will occupy their new home at Brush Hill Road, Milton, Massachusetts, by the middle of September.

Miss Myral M. Sutherland (1900) Superintendent of the Mary McClellan Hospital in Cambridge, New York, was a recent guest of Miss Elizabeth Hatlow (1901).

On June 1, 1938 Frances P. West (1906) resigned as superintendent of the Middlesex Hospital, Middletown, Connecticut. Miss West spent the Summer at her home in New Brunswick, Canada.

On June 19, 1938 Mrs. Peter J. Murray of 64 Brook Street, Brookline, Massachusetts gave a Tea at Longwood Towers, in honor of her daughter's engagement (Lenore Murray 1925) to Dr. Charles L. Brennan of Lowell, Massachusetts. Mrs. James A. Allen (Minnie V. Daffon 1925) poured.

Margaret E. Dizney (1926) of the American Red Cross in Washington, D. C. received her B.S. degree from Peabody College, Nashville, Tennessee in June.

Marion Stevens (1923) Pediatric Supervisor at the Massachusetts General Hospital sailed June 30 on the Swedish American S. S. "Kungsholm" for a six weeks wonder cruise to the North Cape, Russia and the Land of the Vikings.

Dr. and Mrs. H. Eugene MacDonald (Rosamand Edwards 1932) and three children Susan 4, Timothy 2, and Jean 1, are spending the Summer at South Portland, Maine, R. F. D. #2.

Anna M. Taylor (1928) received her Masters degree from Columbia University in June. We are glad to announce that she will return to the Massachusetts General in September, as the newly appointed Supervisor of Ward Instruction and will set up a program for staff education in the three departments of the hospital, General Hospital, Baker Memorial and Phillips House.

Helen Voigt (1933) and Muriel Evers (1927) have been relieving in the T.S.O. and Supervising on the wards during the vacation period.

It has been interesting to talk with the several nurses who have visited the hospital during the Summer. A Swiss nurse came to study our ward technique; she is a graduate of the Nightingale School in Bordeaux and told us many details about her work there. She is travelling in this Country under a scholarship which our own American Nurses Association provided and will return to fill an executive position in the French School.

Elizabeth I. Hansen (1915) is Assistant Superintendent of the Valley View Hospital, Ada, Pontotoc County, Oklahoma.

On July 4, 1938 Mrs. Irving Dana Thrasher (Gertrude E. Bolles 1928) gave a tea at the Chicago Yacht Club to the M. G. H. graduates living in Chicago and its suburbs. Following the tea they enjoyed a sail on Lake Michigan in Dr. Thrasher's launch the "Dolphin." Those present were:—Mrs. Helmi Salmi Junnila (1936) 1534 Hyde Park Avenue, Waubegan, Illinois; Mrs. Marjorie Lane Russell (1928) 5938 North Kenneth Avenue, Chicago, Illinois; Mrs. Faith Dobbie Fuerbringer (1910) 5743 Drexel Avenue, Chicago; Evelyn Horton (1930) 5601 Dorchester Avenue, Chicago; Mrs. Alice Keaney Bryant (1910) 850 Amslie Street, Chicago; Sallie L. Mernin (1916) 5220 Kenwood Avenue, Chicago; Mrs. Edith Weierich Gannon (1931) 7822 South Cornell Avenue, Chicago; Althea E. Bolles (1927) 5743 Drexel Avenue, Chicago; and Helen Cabot Latham (1931) 700 Fullerton Avenue, Chicago, Illinois. Will any M. G. H. nurse in Chicago or vicinity, who would like to be included in the next get-together, please communicate with Mrs. Irving Dana Thrasher, 1400 Lake Shore Drive, Chicago, Illinois.

Leonor A. Field (1914) supervising nurse at the Suffolk County Department of Health, Riverhead, New York visited the Hospital in July.

Helen N. Everett (1920) writes from Kapanga Mission, Belgian Congo, that she is back at Kapanga relieving for three months, after an absence of seven and a half years. Miss Everett found many improvements in the mode of transportation, new highways and fewer bridges. She is very happy in her work.

Miss Beatrice P. Galbraith (1894) is a resident of the Mount Pleasant Home, 301 South Huntington Avenue, Boston.

Mrs. Adolphe E. Gourdeau (Bessie O. Cutler 1917) is living at 139 Bonito Avenue, Sierra Madre, California.

Mrs. Mayrose Gullifer (Mayrose Kelly 1916) spent the month of July touring Mexico, Guatemala City and Honduras.

Miss Sara E. Parsons (1893) recently visited her friend Mrs. C. K. Ovington (Ida F. Graham 1893) in New York City.

Mrs. W. H. Warrick (Virginia Kennen 1915) who recently completed a six months post-graduate course at the Margaret Hague Maternity Hospital, Jersey City, New Jersey, is now employed there as an Assistant to the Directress of Nurses.

On July 26, 1938, Marion A. Manning (1901) sailed from Boston on the S. S. Laconia for a visit of several months in England.

Miss Elizabeth Hatlow (1901) recently visited her friend Miss Katherine E. Hurley (1909) in Tamworth, New Hampshire. Miss Hurley had just returned from a European trip.

Miss Margery B. Milton (1911) was registered at the Pioneer for a few days in August.

Frances C. Daily (1907) executive assistant at the Baker Memorial with her two sisters Misses Alice and Lelia from Plainfield, New Jersey, left New York by train June 27 on a four weeks trip to the Pacific coast, visiting en route Chicago, Denver, Colorado Springs, Pikes Peak, Yellowstone Park, San Francisco, Los Angeles, San Diego, Yosemite Valley and the Grand Canyon.

100 GRADUATE NURSES ENROLL AT SIMMONS

The summer school at Simmons College, which this year was restricted to the School of Nursing, opened July 6, 1938. Classes continued until August 12, 1938.

Nearly 100 graduate nurses registered for courses in nursing

education, psychology and public health nursing, and in addition 41 undergraduates who are beginning their instruction in nursing at the Peter Bent Brigham and the Massachusetts General Hospital attended summer courses.

The summer school was under the direction of Miss Helen Wood (1910) professor of nursing at Simmons and director of the school of nursing.

The students from Simmons School of Nursing had their summer nursing classes at the hospital under the direction of Phyllis Rivard Gall (1931) and Mary Springer (1926).

The following M.G.H. nurses took the summer work at Simmons College: Anne McKee (1937) registered in the school of Public Health. Mary Alice Bailey (1930) Marie Scherer (1936) Jessie Stewart (1935) Elizabeth Smith (1934) Charlotte King (1937) and Sallie Whitcomb (1937) were in the Nursing Education group.

Helen Lehmann (1928) received her M.S. degree in Social Administration from Western Reserve University on June 15, 1938. Her thesis was the result of a survey of industrial nursing in Cleveland. She was later responsible for an institute sponsored by the University for industrial nurses. Miss Lehmann is now Director of a Field Program of Orthopedics which is being put on by the School of Nursing at Western Reserve.

Dr. and Mrs. W. S. Done (Ethlyn Austin 1929) are living in Colon, Republic of Panama, P. O. Box 208.

Will the classmates and friends who know the addresses of Mrs. William Buster McGee (Priscilla Thompson 1929) and Jessie P. Halbut (1929) communicate with Evelyn Eddy Furst, Strong Memorial Hospital, Rochester, New York.

In June the Japanese authorities reported that Americans in Anking were safe. We were relieved to know Emeline Bowne (1920) was included. Anking was captured by the Japanese on June 13, 1938.

Wenona Abbott (1930), instructor in Nursing Arts at the Strong Memorial Hospital, Rochester, New York, sailed from New York August 10, 1938, on SS. Queen Mary for London, England, to visit her brother and sister-in-law.

Isabella McCrae Lumsden (1892) and Miss Annabella McCrae (1895) enjoyed the Summer breezes at Kennebunkport, Maine, in August, later visiting relatives in Dublin, New Hampshire.

Mrs. Karl Reichart (Emma E. Green, 1899) is teaching Practical Hygiene to the children at the Welfare Center, on Blossom Street, Boston.

Melissa J. Cook (1912) divided her vacation between Ogunquit, Maine and Campbellton, New Brunswick.

The response to the postals requesting data for the Gray Book has been very gratifying. Please return your card, even if your address hasn't changed; we shall be interested in knowing that it is correct on our lists. We realize too, that being "at home" may imply a twenty-four hour job, just as truly as when specials were on duty for those hours. So send back your card anyway, and add any news concerning new names or addresses of people with whom we have not been in communication. The Gray Book will not be completed for some months — each graduate will be reached if possible; it will not be a directory, but following its original form will contain a list of graduates by classes, with the present occupation of each, and city in which she lives.

We would appreciate receiving addresses for the following alumnae:

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Mrs. William Feindel (Vera Benjamin 1912)

Mrs. Mansfield (Jane Craig) 1876

Mrs. I. R. Hutchinson (Alice M. Dane) 1878

Miss Annie L. Creeley 1880

Mrs. Charles Pettie (Emma Cutler) 1883

Mrs. George A. Davis (Cornelia Barrell) 1885

Mrs. Sidney P. Weeks (Abbie Davis) 1895

Mrs. William H. Davis (Mabel A. Johnston) 1897

Mrs. Thomas Donaldson (Margaret Cox) 1900

Mrs. A. C. Andrews (Carrie V. Cousart) 1901

Mrs. Silas L. Filkins (Annie Dewar) 1901

Miss Oceana Crosby 1902

Mrs. N. R. Farmer (Ethel B. Davis) 1908

Mrs. Beston Humphrey (Lurana Dearborn) 1912

Mrs. Thomas D. Ellis (Mary Creelman) 1913

Mrs. Albion S. Copeland (Martha Dale) 1917

Mrs. Harold Marx (Marion Crockett) 1927

Mrs. Theodore Class (Leslie Carter 1919) and daughter from Westfield, New Jersey, visited the hospital in August.

Lucy Church (1935) has been appointed Assistant Head Nurse of the premature nursery of the New York Hospital.

Miss Muriel G. Galt (1898) from Victoria, B. C., spent August visiting relatives and friends in Bristol, R. I., Boston and Montreal. Miss Galt called on Miss Parsons and visited the M.G.H. She saw so many changes in the Bulfinch Building and various parts of the Hospital, that she felt like a "Rip Van Winkle".

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—Whittier.

Annual Meetings of State Nursing Organizations

The programs presented at the state meetings this year seemed to have exceptional appeal to the nurses of the state. Registration nearly reached the three thousand mark, and keen interest was shown in the topics discussed.

This is the thirty-fifth birthday of the State Nurses Association. A history of these thirty-five years has been written and was released on November 15. It is a book of sixty pages including several tables, graphs, and maps. There is much of interest for all of us in this history. Copies may be ordered for 50c each, plus 10c postage at the headquarters office, 420 Boylston Street, Boston.

The chief message that the Advisory Council sends back to the alumnae associations is an appeal to all members to help with the legislative program, and this was the essential keynote of the business meetings. The legislative committee of the State Nurses Association has had a busy year, and there is promise of continued activity in the year to come.

The bill for the regulation of hours of labor of women and children employed in hospitals, nursing or convalescent homes or similar institutions which was filed with the 1938 Legislature was referred to an investigation committee. No report has been made by this committee to date.

The proposed revision of the Massachusetts nurse practice act, filed through the office of the Attorney General, has had a somewhat stormy career. Opposition was voiced by the medical profession at the public hearing, and attempts have been made since to rewrite the first revision draft, with consideration of their suggestions. A commission was appointed to study the proposed act, and to report to the legislature. This commission has held several public hearings in different sections of the state. A joint meeting of representatives of the Massachusetts Medical Society, the Massachusetts Hospital Association, the Boston Hospital Council, the Community Nursing Council of Boston, the Massachusetts League of Nursing Education, the Massachusetts Organization for Public Health Nursing, and the legislative committee of the Massachusetts State Nurses Association was held in October and compromises worked out using as a basis the proposed bill which was sent to the membership of the state association last June. At the closing session of these state meetings, a final draft of the proposed act was completed to be presented to the Commission. The House of Delegates empowered the board of directors to take such action relative to legislation during the coming year as may seem wise and necessary to it.

The essential new points in the proposed act as it now stands are these:

1. The Board of Registration of Nurses shall have seven members; five of whom are nurses graduated from schools approved by the Board and registered in Massachusetts and selected from lists submitted by the state association; two are to be directors of approved schools of nursing, one a director of an approved school for attendants, and one a public health nurse; there is no stipulation of position for the fifth nurse. One member of the Board is to be a physician chosen from a list submitted by the Massachusetts Medical Society of their members suitable for appointment and one is to be the administrator of a hospital, either a physician or a nurse, having an approved school of nursing and selected from a list submitted by the Massachusetts Hospital Association. These members are to be appointed by the Governor with the advice and consent of the Council for terms of six years.

2. The secretary of the Board is to be a registered nurse, employed as a full-time worker.

3. The bill becomes mandatory, requiring everyone who nurses for hire to be licensed thus providing for the licensing of attendants.

4. Registration of nurses and of attendants will be biennial. Young graduates will be permitted to practice for six months pending registration or until the board has determined their fitness for a certificate.

5. The bill provides for the control through licensing of all nurse registries.

Our members will be concerned to watch the progress and final disposition of this bill in the coming sessions of the state legislature.

The business sessions of the Massachusetts League of Nursing Education were concerned chiefly with reports of interesting work which has been done by the various committees during the year. Outstanding is the work of the committee which, under the chairmanship of Miss Martha Ruth Smith, has worked with the School of Education at Boston University, to lay the foundations for a department of nursing education there. This plan was described in the last issue of our Quarterly. At least an initial success is suggested by the enrollment of over 200 in each of the two courses offered this fall. Our members will be interested and proud to know of the election of Miss Florence C. Kempf to the presidency of the League. We congratulate Miss Kempf, and we look forward to progress in nursing education for Massachusetts under her guidance. We also congratulate Miss Margaret Dieter, the retiring president, upon the success

with which she has conducted our League affairs for the past four years. Miss Dieter has served the League generously and effectively.

How many of us are operating on an entirely adult level as Dr. Camilla Anderson interpreted "the meaning of adulthood" on Wednesday morning? She emphasized four points in differentiating between the infantile and adult levels:

1. The infant is anti-social; his attitude toward life is parasitic. The adult has learned to cooperate and to share group responsibilities.
2. The infant is emotionally dependent, while the adult has differentiated himself from traditional patterns and has learned to make decisions for himself.
3. The infant is egocentric; the adult has learned tolerance and can evaluate facts.
4. The infant has no perspective; the adult has evolved a philosophy to guide his life.

Following Dr. Anderson's talk, Miss Kempf led a panel discussion on "the integration of mental health in curricula of schools of nursing", in which the handling of specific student problems was discussed. The value of a positive program for adjusting the students mentally, morally, spiritually, and emotionally is recognized generally by educators. This discussion helped to clarify our thoughts on content and method of adjustment. At the luncheon which followed, Mrs. Steele, Chairman of the League Mental Hygiene Committee, outlined the work of her committee toward increasing the opportunities in Massachusetts for affiliations in mental nursing. Some training in the care of mental patients seems very desirable for all students during the basic course, but sufficient experience of this type is not available for all schools at the present time.

Miss Sleeper conducted a meeting on staff education. This program included an excellent paper by Miss Anne Taylor, in which she described the educational program that she is working out for the staff nurses in the Baker unit, Phillips House, and in the main hospital. There was a large attendance at this meeting, and many must have gone away with practical suggestions that will be very useful.

The League Committee on State Board Problems prepared a meeting on faculty preparation. Miss Sullivan presided, and nurses representing the key positions in the hospital school of nursing outlined desirable preparation for these positions. One interesting contribution was that of Helen French, whose unique training in the correction of aphasia had furnished useful special preparation for the

position of head nurse on a neuro-psychiatric ward. The frequent reference to the value of training and experience in mental nursing was significant. Nursing careers of the future will be planned perhaps with more definite thought of objective and aim than some of those of the past have been. As responsibilities in specific positions become more sharply crystallized, definite preparation will be demanded.

Our Alumnae Association was well represented by these and by other members who took active parts in the programs. Barbara Williams, as chairman of the Exhibits Committee, prepared a very instructive display of teaching materials. Mary Canning presided at one of the public health meetings. Ethel Inglis conducted a round table for local Red Cross committees. Others acted as delegates, attending and taking part in the business meetings. Many more attended the meetings and gained new ideas and inspiration for their jobs. Are there others who should have been there? Are our younger members initiating themselves into their professional privileges and responsibilities? Dr. Anderson said that nurses are notoriously inarticulate, that they need to be trained in "vocalizing". The state meetings furnish fine opportunities for "vocalizing". Try it at the Alumnae meetings, and be in good trim when the next state or district meeting comes.

HELENE G. LEE, 1922.

MARY E. SHEPARD, 1924.

In the Field of Publications

1. Miss Helen Boylston, Class of 1917 has written another one of her readable Sue Barton series entitled, "Sue Barton, Visiting Nurse." Miss Boylston spent some time with the Henry Street Nursing Association to gather authentic situations and experiences which has resulted in a fascinating story of the life of the public health nurse.
2. Miss Florence Kempf, Supervisor of Science and Clinical Instruction and Instructor of Psychology, Massachusetts General Hospital Training School for Nurses, has produced in collaboration with Dr. Lawrence Averill, Professor of Psychology, Massachusetts State Teachers College, the book entitled, "Psychology Applied to Nursing." The book reflects a consistent effort to present in a practical way psychological principles which are basic to good nursing.
3. Miss Ann Taylor, Class of 1928 has been, during the past four months, an active contributor to the American Journal of Nurs-

ing. Interesting articles based on her own professional experience offer helpful ideas to nurses who are struggling with similar problems.

4. Miss Grace P. Follett, senior student nurse, will also emerge as a contributor to the American Journal of Nursing in the December issue. Miss Follett's case study concerns itself with pneumonia as it affects children.

"Psychology Applied to Nursing"

BY LAWRENCE AUGUSTUS AVERILL

and

FLORENCE C. KEMPF

This new text which was published during the summer of 1938 is a distinct contribution to our professional literature. It attacks the subject of psychology in a straightforward manner that students like. It is written in language that they can understand, and it gives them countless applications in nursing situations such as they meet every day. One of my students said that when she started reading a chapter she didn't like to be interrupted before she had read it all. I can endorse it heartily, too, from the point of view of the instructor in psychology. In its arrangement and in its manner of presentation, it applies the psychological principles which it expounds. It has a wealth of teaching aids, which give interest for both student and instructor.

The first chapter, "What it means to be an adult", introduces the reader directly to a consideration of questions which are vital to every one of us as individuals. It draws attention to personal habits and practices, and also guides the reader to more intelligent handling of her patients' problems of adjustment.

Other groups besides students and instructors will be interested in it, too. It will have appeal to nurses in private duty. It would be an excellent basis for group discussions. We are grateful to Miss Kempf for this fine service, and we congratulate her on the very general commendation that the book is receiving. We are fortunate to be able to share her experience as a teacher, as a nurse, and as a successful individual. I am happy to commend the book to all members of our Alumnae Association.

MARY E. SHEPARD, 1924.

STUDENTS' PAGE

Editors

JEAN HOUGHTON

LUCILLE CASTEN

NATALIE MIDDLETON

One of our most successful parties this year was the Hallowe'en Costume Party, sponsored by the Student Nurses Co-operative Association and held in the Walcott House on October twenty-eighth.

The costumes were highly original and amusing. There were present, doctors, student nurses, patients, "Allen Streets", old ladies, mummies, angels, Indians and a host of others. First prize was won by Irene Tirelis and Jean Dockery as the mummies. Second prize went to Eleanor Smith and Alma Meriam as a doctor and typical E. W. patient. Other prizes went to Grace Follett and Miss Bradstreet.

After the prizes were awarded the group danced, played games, bobbed for apples and enjoyed an entertainment by Mary Gay, Alice Clarke and Ada DeInnocentis. Refreshments of cider and doughnuts concluded a very enjoyable evening for the seventy-five who were present.

On October twenty-seventh the Student Nurses Co-operative Association again played hostess. This time to the new group of McLean affiliates. The group was entertained with a spirited game of "Michigan".

We are glad to spend a friendly evening with the new students so that we may all become better acquainted.

Miss Bailey, our librarian, has been kind enough to review another new book for us. On November sixteenth she presented, in a

very delightful manner, Anne Lindbergh's new book, "Listen! the Wind". About forty students responded to this opportunity and each one went home with the wish that we should have more of these reviews.

The Senior students are busy these days having their pictures taken for the Year Book which is rapidly taking shape and which, we trust, will be a successful one. New staff pictures and views of the hospital have been taken by Waid Studios, the Class Photographer. The student body voted to have the name "Checks" as a permanent title for the Year Book.

Money raising schemes have taken many forms. There have been four sandwich sales, a Cabaret Dance in the Rotunda on September twenty-third and now they are taking orders for Christmas cards.

Many students are responding for basketball which we are having every other Friday evening in the Brimmer School Gymnasium.

The eighty-nine members of the Glee Club, under the direction of Miss Hope Harlow, are practicing for the Candlelight Service.

CANDLE LIGHT SERVICE

The Candle Light Service will be held in the Rotunda of the Massachusetts General Hospital, on the evening of December 23rd, 1938 at 8 o'clock.

Rev. A. Edward Kelsey will be the speaker.

M. G. H. Caps

Purchase from Miss Eunice Bradstreet, the Thayer, Massachusetts General Hospital. Mail order 6 for \$2.30. 3 for \$1.25, postpaid. Caps may also be purchased from Miss Hannah M. Wood, 423 East 64-th Street, Apt. 47, 2nd Stairway, New York City.

THE ALUMNAE

Twenty-Fifth Reunion of the Class of 1913

An outstanding occasion for the members of the 1913 class was a Reunion beginning October 15 with a dinner at the "1775 House" in Lincoln, Massachusetts, continuing on October 16 "on the loose" in the morning, with a visit to the private museum of Julian De Cordova and a tea at the home of Sue Mills Briggs in Lincoln in the afternoon; and ending on October 17 with events centered around the M. G. H.

In the first place the suggestion of a Reunion was made practically simultaneously by Mabel Wheeler and Corinne Samuelson Shields in letters to Louise Zutter. Louise too, was enthusiastic for such a meeting, and so long before the date set for the affair a committee headed by Mabel Wheeler, and including Helen O'Dea, Corinne Samuelson Shields, Elizabeth Sullivan, and Louise Zutter had made careful preparations.

On arriving, some of us met at the Walcott House. Among these, coming from Jackson, Alabama, was Katherine Gaynor Skipper, and what a welcome she received! Everyone was eager to see everyone else. The writer had the pleasure of riding to Lincoln with Mabel Wheeler.

At the "1775 House", the committee thoughtfully pinned name tags on us (with just the name not 1775 House!) making due allowances for slight changes in avoirdupois, although they did help with the married names. Helen T. Nivison had come from Derby, Connecticut, where she has been Superintendent of the Griffin Hospital for fifteen years or so; Mabel McKay Wells had flown from Wilkie, Saskatchewan, and was full of talk of her family including a daughter soon to enter a Montreal hospital for a nursing course. Mae Watts Wilson was there from Worcester. She has a stepdaughter who has graduated from the M. G. H. and who is now a head nurse in the O. P. D.

Our guests of honor were Miss Sara E. Parsons, Miss Annabelle McCrae, and Miss Sally Johnson. Corsages of gardenias and sweet peas had been provided for them.

Of the forty-nine members of the Class of 1913, the following were present at this dinner:

Henrietta Sharon Anderson
Jessie Bentley

Susan Mills Briggs
Elizabeth Cooke

Sara Cribb Hayford
 Sadie V. MacNeil
 Josephine Mulville
 Helen Nivison
 Helen O'Dea
 Ella Harvey Reardon

Katherine Gaynor Skipper
 Elizabeth Sullivan
 Mabel McKay Wells
 Alice Wescott
 Mabel Wheeler
 Louise Zutter

Susan Briggs presided at the dinner, and was very clever in her introductions and remarks. Just before being seated, all joined in the singing of a Reunion Song composed by Katherine Gaynor Skipper. The singing was led by Jo Mulville.

Louise Zutter gave the address of welcome, telling stories that took us back to our Training School days. She spoke especially of the fine things our guests of honor had done for our 1913 class.

Then each one was called upon to give some account of herself. Nine of those present had married, though some of these still carry on their professional work. All are living interesting and useful lives. It is with pride that we think of the accomplishments of the class as a whole, numbering, as it does, women prominent in the different fields of nursing. One of our class is Inspector of the Nursing Schools of the State and holds a Ph.D. degree, the third M. G. H. graduate holding that degree. Mary Giles is notable as the author of a standard text book on Surgical Nursing and we suppose students of the present day regard her with the veneration we felt for Misses Maxwell and Pope!

Mabel Wheeler read extracts from letters and telegrams from those heard from and not present. They were:

Margaret Henderson, Toronto, Canada
 Susan Holton, New York City
 Agnes Trull, Florida
 Catherine Fraser McLean, Eureka, Nova Scotia
 Margaret Marr Thompson, Portland, Oregon
 Florence Duncan, Haverhill, Massachusetts
 Sara Jane Condon, Oakland, California
 Alice Watson Spargo, Derby, Connecticut
 Mary Giles, Isere, France

Lacking their addresses, no word was sent to Alice Rider, and Bertha DeGroote.

Miss Parsons spoke appreciatively of the class members. She referred to some of the changes initiated while she was the head of the school. She looked well. We were all so glad to see her and have her with us!

Miss McCrae had little to say, but seemed happy and content to listen. She joined very heartily, however, in the singing of "Auld

Lang Syne" (as did Sara Parsons up to a certain point) then her voice faltered and she seemed a bit embarrassed as the class sang on:

"For Sara Parsons ne'er FORGOT
Nor Annabelle McCrae,
The program that Miss Parsons wrought
We land this Ether Day.

For sterling worth our Miss McCrae
Is of the finest fine,
Let's take a cup of kindness yet
For Auld Lang Syne".

As a memorial to our members who have passed on, white rose buds were placed in a vase by Louise Zutter as their names were read. They are: Sadie Miller, Bertha Sterling, Emily Stymets, and Ethel Hitchings.

Helen O'Dea very charmingly presented gifts to Misses Parsons and McCrae from the class. These were snappy pink and blue silk jackets. The recipients seemed pleased. Miss Parsons put on hers, and her response caused much merriment.

Mabel Wheeler then announced that Miss Johnson's gift was in an envelope and was a check for \$100 for the Endowment Fund from the class. In accepting the contributions, Miss Johnson spoke very wittingly and well as she always does. She said some nice things of the class. She described some of the later changes in the M. G. H., such as the additions to the School Faculty of Public Health and Ward Teaching Nurse Instructors, gave statistics showing the growth of the School. The number of graduates is only three less than 2,700 which she thought the highest number of any nursing school in the world.

We are glad the School is in such capable and devoted hands.

The evening ended with a call at the home of Sue Mills Briggs, since Misses Parsons, McCrae, Johnson, and Nivison could not come to the tea. All enjoyed the call and admired her old Colonial house which had been remodeled by Mr. and Mrs. Briggs and filled with lovely antique furniture.

At the apartment of Louise Zutter, Katherine Gaynor Skipper and the writer as house guests, talked until 3 a. m. In the morning, we heard of Louise's trip abroad which she made in the summer, saw the pictures she brought home, and enjoyed her bacon and eggs. Then there was a drive to Scituate and a call on Mr. and Mrs. Zutter.

In the afternoon we gathered again in Lincoln and with Sue Briggs, visited the private Museum near her home. Here Mr. Julian

De Cordova showed us some of his collections of beautiful things gathered during many voyages around the world. Mr. De Cordova was for twenty years manager of the Union Glass Works in Somerville, Massachusetts, which is now closed. Among his most interesting exhibits were specimens of glass of a rare-type gold leaf on blown glass—and other pieces made at the Glass Works.

The tea, or rather supper, was another one of the highlights. Sue was a most delightful hostess. Louise Zutter and Helen O'Dea poured. Mabel Wheeler and Ella Harvey Reardon had helped to make the sandwiches. Among those present were Catherine Conrick Tucker's husband and youngsters, as well as Mr. Briggs and Master Charles Briggs. Here there was much happy talk and reminiscence. Sammy was connected by telephone in Bridgeport, Connecticut, and we each said Hello to her. A copy of "Listen! the Wind", autographed by each of us, was sent to her from the class.

At 11 o'clock the girls left the tea (!) and went home to rest up for the next day.

On October 17 we went to the M. G. H. Here Ether Day was being observed.

On this last day Bernice Ettinger Tinker came up from Portland, Maine, and Frances Renear and Josephine Kennedy Huntoon came from Springfield.

At the M. G. H., Miss Williams of the T. S. O., took us on a tour of parts of the hospital. How it has expanded since our time.

From 12:30 to 2 we had lunch as Ether Day guests of Dr. Faxon. We saw some of our old house officers who are now on the staff. The class sent roses to Dr. and Mrs. Faxon to show our appreciation of the courtesy extended us.

At 2 p. m. we saw the moving picture "The History of Anesthesia". This picture was put on by M. G. H. talent a few years ago, for exhibition at the Century of Progress, Chicago, Illinois.

From there we went to the Thayer. Gathered around Louise Zutter at the piano, and led by Jo Mulville, the Reunion Songs were sung again. These were the two Reunion Songs composed by Katherine Gaynor Skipper and other parodies written by Mabel Wheeler. Miss Bradstreet had tea ready for us, this time in the library. Visits were made to the old classrooms. Some visited the new Smoking-Room as well.

At "Minie's" we enjoyed a delicious chicken dinner. Mr. and Mrs. Minichello were there to greet us. There was a rising vote of thanks to the Reunion committee at the end of this dinner. A plan was made to meet again in five years.

At the Alumnae meeting the classes were asked to stand by years. Mabel Wheeler and Helen O'Dea gave reports of our reunion. We

met many friends, among these was Nancy Fraser who always seemed one of the 1913 class although she was an early 1914, as well as Adele Richardson Waid.

After the regular meeting, pictures of especial interest to the 1913 class were shown on the reflector.

All the class considered the Reunion a howling success.

Many thanks are due the committee.

We also thank Miss Johnson and those connected with the M. G. H., for their cooperation and hospitality.

ALICE M. WESCOTT, 1913.

REUNION SONG

Here we gather, all together
Beneath the Ether Dome
From Fields of our endeavor
From Institute and Home.
Years have shown each Alma Mater,
Wise moulder of our youth
The worth of what you taught her
Each honors you in truth.
So we sing a song together
Far may your spirits reach
And we bring you worthy records
As we greet you, M. G. H.

KATHERINE GAYNOR SKIPPER, 1913.

Harvard Unit Reunion

Graduates of the M. G. H. who served overseas with the Harvard Unit, 22 General Hospital, B.E.F., will be interested to know that a very enjoyable and successful reunion was held in Boston, Saturday, October 15, 1938.

In the afternoon many of the group attended a delightful tea at the home of Dr. and Mrs. Cheever Shattuck.

Husbands and wives of the members were invited and 137 attended the dinner in the evening at the Copley Plaza. These included members from various parts of the New England States and from such cities as Washington, New York, Ottawa, and Montreal, and even one from San Francisco.

Dr. Shattuck presided and introduced the following speakers: Dr. A. Lawrence Lowell, who was an honored guest; Dr. Foster

Kennedy, toastmaster; Dr. David Cheever, Dr. E. Granville Crabtree, Dr. V. A. Kazanjian, Dr. Bronson Crothers, and Mrs. Katherine Hagan, former matron of the Unit. Dr. Shattuck then called the roll and each member responded by rising.

Telegrams from absent members came from such distant parts as England and Australia: also one from Dr. Hugh Cabot, former Commanding Officer of the Unit, who was on his honeymoon.

The following M. G. H. nurses were present and many others sent regrets.

Bessie Brown, M.D.; Catherine Carleton, Eva Clements, now Mrs. Dary; Alice Drapeau, Edith Hinchliffe, Edith Hamblin, now Mrs. Frank Smith; Dorothea McInnis, now Mrs. George C. Edward; Helen MacGeorge, now Mrs. George W. Bean; Helen Parks, now Mrs. Raymond Wood; Alvira B. Stevens, Mary K. Taylor, Eva S. Waldron.

ALVIRA B. STEVENS, 1909.

Class of 1929

Mrs. Otho Humphreys (Mildred Blake), entertained the Class of 1929 at her home in Belmont on the evening of October the 18th. This is the second of a series of meetings that the class is holding in preparation for plans for their tenth reunion in the fall of '39, when it is hoped that all the members will be able to attend.

The following members were present: Fay Snelgrove, Margarette Francel Morang, Mary Graney Connelly, Florence Swanson, Janette Wood, Enez Zambon, Marjorie Johnson, Ruth Hoyt, Ruth Sherburne Forrance, Gene Roberts Leavitt, Celia McSwain, Margaret McGarry, Dorothy Lind Faxon, Jean McGaughey, Vieno T. Johnson, Eileen Gilmartin and Myrtle Miller.

Letters were read from: Nora Morrissey, Cecile Lachevre Blake, Marion Verge, Ella Beebe, Marjorie Bennett, Irma Trentini Valz, Kay Higgins Ryder, Ellice Drew Hawkes, Jessie Halbert and Anna V. Wedell.

The following members will serve as officers for the coming year:

President	Vieno T. Johnson
Vice-President	Kay Higgins Ryder
Secretary	Marjorie Johnson
Treasurer	Jean McGaughey

Each member is to be assessed \$1.00 annual class dues and the class is planning to arrange one regular meeting annually.

If there is any member of the Class of 1929 who has not been receiving correspondence, please get in touch with the Class Secretary, Marjorie Johnson, 389 Newport Ave., Wollaston, Mass. She will also supply you with the address of any member if you send a penny post card for reply. The Reunion Committee welcomes any suggestions for plans for next fall. Write to Gene Roberts Leavitt (Mrs. Joseph), 37 Henderson Street, Needham, Mass., or Margaret McGarry, 35 Grove Street, Boston, Mass.

Those '29ers who were unable to attend this meeting or the one at Ella Beebe's in June, will be happy to hear that Gene Roberts Leavitt will entertain the class at her home the latter part of April. Watch the March Quarterly and your mail during the middle of April for exact date.

A Trip to Finland

In the latter part of May, mother and I left America for Europe, our specific destination being mother's native land, Finland. The entire trip was characterized by the feeling known to all nurses, that of being "on the go". There were all sorts of deck sports such as ping pong, deck tennis, shuffle board, also indoor games, dancing both indoors and on deck, concerts, teas, masquerades, movies and swimming. The time passed very quickly and I am sure very few people if any complained about dull or too many idle moments.

Our first port was Plymouth, England. We didn't go ashore there but continued on to Ostend, Belgium. Ostend is famous for its beautiful beach resorts. From Ostend we continued on to Brummbüttel which is at the mouth of the Kiel Canal in Germany. The trip through the canal was most enjoyable, lasting nine hours. The weather was perfect and the scenery beautiful. Copenhagen, Denmark, was our fourth port. We had a whole day to see the city. We shall always remember Copenhagen for its cleanliness, the tremendous number of bicycles and the delicious Danish pastry. Next to the last port was Memel, Lithuania. Finally, Helsinki (or Helsingfors), Finland. A band was there to greet us and they played "God Save the King" (as we traveled on an English ship), "The Star Spangled Banner", and the "Finnish National Anthem".

We spent a week in Helsinki before we traveled on. Helsinki is known as the "White City of the North" and rightly so. The urban Finns maintain a cleanliness unknown to city dwellers of America. The people of Helsinki are generously willing to show their city, and they have much to show—many modern buildings, beautiful churches, opera houses, museums and stadiums. We par-

ticularly enjoyed seeing the stadium where the 1940 Olympics will be held. While there, we saw American, French, Finnish, Swedish and German movies and concluded that ours are better.

The most striking thing about a Finnish summer is the almost total absence of darkness. The "white nights" begin the latter part of April, are at their best in June, and gradually grow dimmer and shorter until September. The sun shines all day and night growing slightly dusky between midnight and 3 a. m. when it rises again. An American finds it very difficult to adjust himself to the possibility of playing golf until ten-thirty p. m. Naturally, the farther North the brighter and shorter the nights. The latter part of June I traveled to a resort near the Arctic Circle to best view the "midnite sun". The eve of June 24th which is "Johannes Day" and the time when the midnight sun is supposed to be highest, is celebrated in all parts of Finland by the natives by staying up all night, with bonfires, singing, dancing, and feasting.

The Finnish steam bath, or "sauna", we found very enjoyable and invigorating, especially when it was followed by a plunge in the lake. (Finland is rightly called "The Land of a Thousand Lakes".) Nor is Finnish food to be overlooked, especially their "voileipäpöytä" or "smorgasbord".

Valamo monastery on a group of islands on Lake Ladoga was of interest to us from several points of view. The monastery itself is well over 600 years of age. The largest bell in the monastery weighs six and one-half tons and can be heard 25 miles away. The lake is between Finland and Russia and the largest in Europe. We were very much impressed with the beauty of the islands and the beautiful architecture. The chanting of the monks gave the monastery a decidedly picturesque effect.

I visited several hospitals and worked for a month at the "Naisten Klinikka" ("Women's Clinic"), a women's gynecological hospital in Helsinki. It accommodates from 250 to 300 patients. Interestingly enough, I secured the position through Miss Luoma who is Director of Public Health Nursing, in Helsinki, and one of Miss Sally Johnson's former classmates at Columbia University, New York. The "Naisten Klinikka" is a modern hospital in every sense of the word. It has an Out-Patient-Department, medical and surgical floors, a "septic floor", private floors, and an obstetrical department. The utility rooms, kitchens, treatment and operating rooms are very well planned. The patients' rooms are ideal from every standpoint. The most striking feature is the cheap rates. A room of six beds is 40c per day; a four bed room 80c per day; semi-private rooms are \$1.70 per day, while private rooms are \$2.16.

Day nurses work from 7 a. m. to 8 p. m. with three hours off

duty during the day, and night nurses from 8 p. m. to 7 a. m. Nurses and doctors are supplied with tennis courts. The head nurses are given the use of private flower gardens from which flowers are picked for the floors and the nurses' dining room.

The care given post-operative patients is interesting. The patients sit in a chair for ten minutes the day after operation and for periods of increasing length every day thereafter. (Many of the patients I saw were hysterectomies.) Finnish patients are hardier than American patients and apparently suffer no ill effects from the post-operative care. There are several reasons for their post-operative care being mainly to prevent *embolism* and post-operative pneumonia. The doctors are satisfied with the results.

I enjoyed the work and friendly atmosphere at the "Naisten Klinikka" very much and wish some of our nurses and doctors could also have the opportunity to visit Finland and some of her beautiful hospitals.

We left Helsinki and came back by way of Denmark, England and France. It took us four days to cross the Atlantic—from Southampton, England, to New York on the "Queen Mary". We ended our trip by docking without tugs which was quite a feat.

I enjoyed my trip immensely but concluded that there is no place like home nor any hospital like the M. G. H.

FLORENCE KORPELA, 1937.

"Fell's End",
East Cliff,
Peitaiho, China.

August 1, 1938.

Dear Friends in America:

It is late evening of a hot summer day, and I have just come back from a beautiful and dignified communion service at our Meeting House. The leaders of this service were of four nationalities,—American, English, Danish and Scotch. I suppose that no gathering of Christians anywhere, in these days, is anything but mindful of the weight of the woes of humankind; even in this quiet and peaceful haven we are constantly conscious of the suffering so near to us, and we were especially alive to this suffering as we shared in our fellowship tonight.

I am writing this letter hurriedly, to send it tomorrow by Dr. and Mrs. Williams Cochrane, Presbyterian missionaries from Pao-tingfu, who are leaving on furlough tomorrow and, strangely enough, will go all the way to Boston. They will mail this letter in America,

so I can write freely. This is the Cochranes' first furlough; they were both born in China. They are neighbors of ours here at Peitaiho. Dr. Cochrane has had a lifetime of experience of a unique kind this past year in Paotingfu, which has since last fall been precariously in Japanese hands.

Life for us has gone on much as usual since Christmas. Hugh put in a particularly busy year, as Dr. Chang was given an opportunity to study at P. U. M. C. for six months. Though we are only 13 miles from Peking, Hugh was able to go in only twice in six months,—on our fifteenth wedding anniversary, and for a joint birthday celebration which some Chinese friends insisted upon. I had to revert to our "interior" days, and cut Hugh's hair once more, my most pet grievance of a minor kind!

We all six came here to our pleasant house on June 12, and Hugh was able to stay for six weeks. He was plenty busy most of the time, though luckily no one fell off Eagle Rock, nor did anyone come down with a baffling disease. But I *do* get a bit fed up with sticking needles into people, especially now when our enlightened little friends have decreed that no one, be he black, white or yellow, can travel on a train without a certificate of cholera immunization. This ruling has caused much gnashing of teeth; I have done a little gnashing myself. But merrily the inoculation parties go on. This morning I spent some time with a tiny file, sharpening some distinctly dull needles, my good platinum one having been broken by an obstreperous youngster yesterday. I hope to get my share (which seems inordinately large) of this sizable community finished so I can have at least a week free from the boiling of syringes, and the "Will I have a terrible reaction" conversations.

We have had torrents of rain in North China. Peking and T'ungchow have been actually flooded, but the sun seems to be working a bit these last few days. Our children are like four fish—three big ones and one little, very active one. Mrs. Gailey, who is staying with us, says that it is remarkable that I can keep track of them at all; they do lead a busy life. Charles has a grand gang which tears around on bicycles or rows our boat back and forth and around our little bay, stopping only to dive in to the water occasionally. We are all of a dark brown color, and the cook complains with some bitterness of the amount of food we consume. In case any of you are worried about us, all this will no doubt reassure you.

We had a grand "American Board Day" during which, according to immemorial custom, we told each other what a fine crowd we were, to be sure! But in all seriousness, the only tragic note was when we looked about and realized the *age* of each of us. There are no "new" people in our group. The Presbyterians and the Seventh Day

Adventists and Roman Catholics and China Inland Mission have fresh people in numbers, but the Congregationalists are a vanishing tribe out here. But we made up in warmth of feeling and in delightful fellowship for our lack of numbers. Our discussions and devotions were held in the Chandler house, with stunts (Let's hope His Imperial Majesty was not tuned in) and picnic on the Wolferz' beach and rocks.

Another month and we shall be piling into our good old third-class coach to go cheerfully, even eagerly, back to school. Sigrid already wants vacation to be finished; she really seems eager to begin using her wits again. Charles says he can easily stand another month of freedom from long division and even from the delightful Winnetka Social Science Course (out of which his mother is learning a lot). Gudrun and John are perfectly content with life as it is, except that Gudrun says at least once a day, "I don't see why we can't have a dog"—a perennial complaint with her. So I hope we *can* have a dog in Auburndale in 1939-40, though perhaps a dog isn't called a missionary and so cannot live in a missionary cottage!

A year from now we will be seeing some of you. We shall probably be thoroughly inefficient in our furlough life; it is remarkable what you can forget to be skillful at in seven years. I suppose you will see us in "tattle-tale" grey or with other "horrendous" social handicaps. You can just pretend you don't know us! We fully expect to have fun, anyway, just being in a land where one can speak aloud without looking over one's shoulder! If you don't think that's a grand feeling, try living in Manchukuo, as do our Scotch friends, or in Peking, or even T'ungchow, these days. The United States may be in a bad way, as the magazine articles say, but you still don't have to carry passports from town to town, or fill out endless blanks with useless information. Or do you?

I could tell you of our visits with one of the Americans who stayed through the horrors of Nanking and was far more of a heroine than Florence Nightingale. But those of you who read the account in the July (or August?) Readers' Digest will know something of her story. There are no words to express one's horror and grief and indignation. We can only keep on having faith that what is right must triumph. Without that faith it would be very very hard to keep going.

Our affectionate greetings to you all.

OLGA OLSEN ROBINSON, 1915.

MRS. HUGH L. ROBINSON

P.S. We *do* like to have letters from our friends,—new ones and old ones. Thank you so much.

O. R.

Red Crescent School,
Aksaray, Istanbul, Turkey.

August 22, 1938.

Dear Miss McCrae:

How long since I have had a chat with you! How much I have missed it! Those of you, who have spent long months and years away from home, can imagine, perhaps, the intense need to see one's own family at times, and friends other than those, who are putting up the same front as one's self in liking the country, the people, and the numerous problems which roll over you like the surf, sometimes so strong that you wonder if you are ever going to reach the shore of your native land alive. In pioneer work the breakers always seem to be so frequent and so high that in the struggle against them one catches too fleeting a glimpse of the shore and the friends waiting there. Happily that glimpse is sufficient to increase the determination to reach it and finds one making a silent vow between each breaker never to leave those good people again.

Such a simile I may use for my personal sentiments but in the daily grind and development of our work I in no way, compare myself to a lifeguard or even a good swimmer. We prefer to think of our undertaking to establish nursing here as a fine building whose foundations were laid and then left to the elements. The result being that some of them have had to be replaced and strengthened and only now after long effort we are actually getting up the first story. This has brought about new plans for the development of a much finer, larger and more attractive structure. The fact which gives us courage is that our plans are being considered bit by bit (yavash-yavash) and at this critical stage it keeps us all "on the job" day and night to win the necessary permits to continue the edifice.

What have we done? Much, I think at night, and in the morning again it seems like nothing. Since my last letter to you we have graduated a class of 36 nurses. This was the largest group in the history of the school. We had the first real Commencement at that time, in September, 1937, with the Dean of the Medical Faculty as the speaker. The exercises were held in the garden where a terrace (made from the former dump) forms a good stage, and there for the first time Turkish girls took the Florence Nightingale Pledge. The class prepared a year book, dedicated to the former Director, entitled "Ulku" (The Ideal) with many clever articles. This and a class organization, formerly tabooed, helped to develop a better co-operation and sense of belonging to the profession than has ever existed before. The fact that we actually got their diplomas signed by the Ministry of Health and delivered to the graduates of 1937 has helped also.

The classes from 1929 to 1936 have never received their diplomas—a problem I have struggled with for two years and an example of the easy-going Near East.

This Commencement in June we graduated 38 students. In addition they produced a Class Song and presented a Class Gift—a fine bas-relief of Ataturk. In this class were three post graduates from the American Hospital. Two of these were Armenian girls—the first to receive the State diploma. Another victory! The community spirit and interest is improving.

We have a closer contact with the Medical Faculty each year. Practically all our medical instructors are doctors and many of them are at the same time in charge of the services where our students work. We are not ashamed of our theoretical program although we still have much to do on it. However, the doctors say our students often know far more than the medical students and berate the latter for it. This year we have to concentrate on the improvement of our practical services and the only way to bring about quick results is to go in and do it myself with a young graduate.

Finally, after two years of struggle, Parliament has approved our student uniform, so this fall our students will “look the part” instead of being confused with all the servants and midwives in the hospitals.

So much for nursing and work—now for play. On August 23, 1937, when Dora Shank and I got on the Express for Ankara, we were exhausted. She plays just as hard a game in another way at the American Hospital and we bolster each other's flagging courage often. We were headed for Birişek, a tiny village in the Taurus Mountains, where the American Mission formerly had a children's camp and Dora still owns a cottage. Two mornings later we arrived at a dusty station on the dry plain, were dumped into a rickety car and jolted and whirled like tumble-weeds up the mountain side for an hour then suddenly dropped bag and baggage by a rail fence, which led into a lovely, sweet-scented pine woods with a back-drop of sheer granite cliff. It reminded me of bits of Arizona and Colorado, with their glorious sunsets, rolled into one. Into Dora's delightful cottage with a broad terrace, casement windows, a huge fireplace and big arm-chairs we quickly snuggled. Divided skirts and sweater suits took the place of uniforms. A charming American family in another cottage provided our meals, good conversation and other comforts. The mornings we spent in a little gardening or exploring, an hour of strenuous gymnastics and sun-bathing was followed by an icy shower from a mountain spring after which our thoughts turned to food. In the afternoon and evenings we consumed books—reading aloud—which we had neglected all winter. After tea, games with

the children, a bit of sewing or a hike and again we found ourselves edging in on the cook shack. It was always dark when the after supper conversation waned and lanterns were necessary to get back to our cottages.

Occasionally through the night we would be wakened by the deep, soft clang of bells down in the valley from the camel-trains which travel usually after dark to avoid the terrific heat. Often we saw them—eight to ten camels strung together and led by a donkey. The huge, bright red or blue pack saddles are usually almost hidden by huge bales of cotton. They look so ridiculous with the inevitable blue bead attached to their halters to keep off the evil-eye.

We made several excursions to Ibrahim Pasha's Castle, the Sicilian Gates and other villages. Everywhere we encountered "Uriks" or nomads with their flocks, living in the black tents of Bible history. Occasionally we had a picnic supper on the mountain side. Mostly we were contented to "stay put" and enjoy the peace, quiet and beauty of the place. I have never had such a restful and invigorating vacation.

The last week we went down to Adana and Tarsus for a couple of days. Dora had worked at the American Hospital in Adana for five years and after two days there I am convinced that anyone who has done that deserves the Croix de Guerre. Heat, dust, mosquitoes and squallor—the supply there is too abundant. We slept on the roof under nets but were wakened early by queer noises. On investigation we discovered they came from a camel-rest next door. The rumpus was from a camel being hobbled and branded on being turned over to a new owner, a state of affairs he was protesting violently. Dora says that this yard is a sea of mud at other times of the year so in the Hospital they have named it "The Marmora." Camels are queer, ugly beasts but fascinating to watch, especially the babies. One is reminded of the story that after the Lord had finished creating all the other animals, he found he had many pieces left over and so, not wishing to waste anything, he joined them together and thus produced the camel. He certainly looks like a "left over" and his disdainful manner is decidedly that of a creature with an inferiority complex.

The Hospital was higher than the other buildings and as everyone lives on the roof or out doors in summer, we witnessed many strange scenes. Some build a sort of staging on which they sleep to get more air but most of the poor people (in that district) sleep on a rug on the flat, mud-plastered roof. Usually the whole family sleeps together enveloped in one big, thick quilt. It is amusing to see the mother emerge from one side of the quilt, fully dressed of course, adjust her head scarf and blink around on the scene. Next the father crawls out, drags himself to the roof ladder scratching his tousled

pate with one hand and pulling up the cords of his voluminous trousers with the other. Then one by one youngsters of different ages and stages of undress appear until you are tempted to wager how many more rabbits can be pulled out of the bag. The lumps in the quilt all smoothed out, mother rolls it up on one side. Thus the chamber work completed, with the smallest naked kiddie under one arm she follows in the wake of the others over the edge of the roof and disappears.

Life is primitive among those unfortunates. Women and children armed with Standard Oil tins spend hours gathering up every snippet of animal droppings from the streets, then they make them into flat cakes and plaster them on the walls of the mud huts to dry for the winter fuel. Close by the old grandmother spreads out the wheat to dry on old blankets for the winter porridge and seems quite oblivious to the fact that walking over it in bare feet may not improve its keeping qualities.

Tarsus was much more to my liking. It is a homey, solid town with its sturdy stone houses and lovely community garden but the famous St. Paul's gate is tumbling down. From there we motored back to Birijek through the mountains. It is beautiful but one cannot forget entirely the atrocities that mountain range has witnessed and made possible.

This spring I was invited to Izmir (Smyrna) to give some talks on public health in the American Girl's School. It was a pleasant break in the routine but one day I nearly ruined myself by going on an all day hike in the mountains, in another person's shoes, in search of snowdrops. We found the snowdrops, exquisite things nodding among the rocks in a veritable fairyland of hoarfrost up there on the rim of the clouds, but I completely lost the illusion that I am young any longer and can do the stunts of youth. It was worth all the effort however.

Our trip on a Turkish boat from Smyrna to Rhodes was an absolute contradiction to all the early hygienic teachings of the Greeks we witnessed in Borgama. Dora had a negro maid put in her cabin and mine was like sharing a sarcophagus with another person. With water, water everywhere they never saw fit to use any of it on deck and we were overjoyed to see the harbor of Rhodes on the third day. This lovely island, just off the coast of Turkey, now belongs to Italy.

Rhodes, which history dates from 1000 B.C., has had many famous periods but the most intriguing period to us dates from 1300 to 1522 when it was occupied by the Knights of the Crusades from Germany, France, England, and Spain, until taken by the Turks. The city is walled and entered by various gates by draw bridges over a wide moat. The story goes that Suleiman the Magnificent, when

he took the city in 1522, lost over 10,000 soldiers. These he piled into the moat, in place of the missing bridge, and marched his men over them battering down the gate to enter the city. It is true there is a huge Turkish cemetery at that point which they are now moving to make a large public park.

We stayed at the splendid Hotel of Roses where the terraces run down to the private beach. Bathing was marvelous; the water clear, clean and warm. The sand so burning hot one could not walk without shoes. We got a terrific burn without realizing it and creams, oils, ointments and lotions were of no avail, but the water was so wonderful we could not keep out of it. The food was marvelous and much enjoyed after my usual fare. Despite the heat a constant breeze kept up the illusion it was cool. The clean, broad streets, artistic buildings, picturesque police guards, chic naval officers, well kept gardens, geraniums as tall as a person, masses of hibiscus plants and hedges as well as garlands of bourganvillia on all the walls, church bells, soft voices, the clump-clump of ambling horse-cabs, the splash of the waves, all gave one a sense of quiet and well-being which cannot be achieved here in Istanbul. It was all too short and we had to leave having reduced little, read little or rested little to get back here on July 30th. Our greatest disappointment was that we could not spend some time in Cos. Two hours in the harbor at 4 a. m. was tantalizing but stopping meant spending a week and "vakit yok" (no time), so we let Hippocrates rest there unadmired.

Dora Shank had some inspiration to return for the architect was there getting the new American Hospital underway. That will keep her out of mischief this winter. I came back to endless plans which must be packed into the next ten months before my contract ends at the end of which time I am already looking forward to seeing you all again. This fascinating prospect will help me to keep going. Meantime my very best wishes to everyone.

Most cordially yours,
HAZEL AVIS GOFF, 1917.

131 St. George's Road,
London, S. W. 1,
England.

October 2, 1938.

Dear Miss McCrae:

As you know, this has been a very anxious and eventful week for this country. On Monday there were cars with loud speakers flying through the streets urging people to go and be fitted to gas

masks. Centres were open everywhere for this purpose. Having seen in France, what mustard gas can do to people, I needed no urging to get a mask. There are not many people to whom gas masks are becoming, but it was quite a sight to see the long queues everywhere. They are called "respirators" but the horrid things make me feel as if the "ether" were being poured on in a second.

On Tuesday, "Streaming London's Mighty Roar" had become very awful. Lorries and trucks from all parts of the country had been taken over by the Government to rush lumber and sand bags and all kinds of war materials to London. The government was evacuating all the children. Every one who could, was leaving the city. All the beautiful parks and gardens were taking on a war-like aspect. Guns were being placed on tops of great buildings and at various other points of vantage. Everyone expected War by the end of the week.

We had to get gas-proof rooms ready and we all worked until late at night. Then these rooms had to be equipped with food (tinned), warm wraps and games, etc. The Government issued directions both printed and over the radio, as to what to do in all the emergencies. I've never seen anything so exciting. There were great crowds everywhere and there were men and women in various uniforms to be seen all over the City.

Five of us went down Thursday and enrolled for service, two joined the Air Force, one the Tank Corps, one the Engineers, and I joined the Red Cross. It was strange to be in a city of ten millions of people and see no children about.

Friday evening we went down to Whitehall to see Mr. Chamberlain arrive from Germany with the good news. The streets were packed but we got good places in front of No. 10, and we could see him and hear everything he said. Also Mrs. Chamberlain came to the window. We lived through it, but I wondered at times whether we should ever get out alive. Well, we did finally, and made our way to the "Corner House" at Marble Arch, and this is what you would have enjoyed, I know. It is a very large restaurant seating hundreds. In a few minutes there was not a vacant seat. The band was playing the lovely old Scotch and Irish songs. Everyone joined in the singing. All at once, all the Scots placed their knives and forks on the floor and jumped up—scores of them, and did the Sword dance, and sang as people sing when their hearts are glad. I thought how all you girls would have enjoyed the lovely scene.

Later on the band played the "Lambeth Walk" and everyone danced it. London has not seen such a joyous occasion since the Armistice.

MARION A. MANNING, 1901.

132 rue Perronet,
Neuilly-sur-Seine, France.

October 10, 1938.

Dear Miss Parsons:

Well the scare is over—at least for a time—and we are once more settled down to normal living! I can assure you that during the days when war seemed inevitable, everybody was in more or less of a nervous state, which though admirably controlled, showed itself from time to time and almost threw the entire American population into a panic when the supply of ships seemed inadequate to take them away. Even to go to England I have heard of some people who waited for the crossing of 25 ferries before being able to get a place. Perhaps the Channel boats are not called ferries, but they at least are not big liners however they do carry quite a few people.

Preparation had been going forward for some time to perfect the war organization, but everyone hated to feel that it had to come and that something would not be done to stop it. When we heard Hitler speak at Nuremberg we realized that he had no intention of changing his ideas of annexing Czechoslovakia. Then came the first visit of Chamberlain, then the second, then Hitler's venomous speech in Berlin which, though I could not understand the language, came in over the radio charged with pure, unadulterated hate, and he raved and roared and cried like the madman that he undoubtedly is. The night after came Chamberlain's speech, and the minute he began to speak we felt that all hope was gone. Never have I heard such sadness in anyone's voice, yet his speech was dignified and forceful. The helplessness of the situation brought tears to many, and when the theatrical move of Mussolini was announced the next day everybody (or most everybody) openly wept with relief. You know the result. Whatever you may feel about the justness of the decision and the sacrifice demanded of the Czechs, war was averted, and could you have been here and seen the near panic when Paris was told that everyone that possibly could must get out, seen marked on buildings the number of people that the cellar of that particular building could hold in the time of an air raid, seen sacks of sand carried up to all roofs and spread as a precaution against incendiary bombs, you might better appreciate what it means to all of us to have Czechoslovakia offered up as a sacrifice instead of widespread destruction and death which would necessarily have followed had the war started.

No need to go into details of how and why and where of the political situation. The newspapers and radios gave you all of that,

but it may be interesting to get some firsthand information about the situation as it appeared to us here in Paris. When the sand was delivered for the roofs of the buildings, when "Abri 51 places" was pasted on our building, then we began to sit up and take notice. I shall never be able to say enough in praise of the French and their invincible courage. Night after night men were called to the colors. Always the notice was brought by the police at night and in three hours the men were on their way. No fuss, no lines of marching men, no cheering and excitement, and only at the Gare de l'Est or in the early hours of the morning could groups be seen in actual army uniforms. Men began to go from my building, women looked sad and worried, but not one complained. France had 2,000,000 men under arms with as little fuss as I have ever seen.

The street lights were darkened and I found it almost impossible to take my dog out for her evening walk, for here in Neuilly with its broad boulevards lined with trees, it seemed unusually somber. Only at intersecting streets were lights left burning and even those were protected so that from above, nothing could be seen. Trenches were dug around the big factories and in the park of the Champs Elysees big tanks of gas were stationed under guard to be used for observation balloons.

A friend and American who was in a Convalescent Hospital here in Neuilly, was perhaps the calmest of all Americans in Paris. I went to see her or telephoned her every day, and when the order came from the Embassy to evacuate all Americans, she asked me to get her a *single* cabin for the trip home. As she had seen nothing of the war preparations and discounted much that she heard excited nurses saying about conditions, I had hard work to convince her that nothing at all was available until after today, the 10th, and I advised her to go immediately to a small town in the country and await a sailing after the 10th. Then she insisted that I must find her a hotel with an elevator and as her demands seemed most unreasonable in a time when it was uncertain whether we could take anything but a bag with us for immediate necessities—her four trunks and five suitcases, to say nothing of her ailments, almost broke my nerve.

I visited the Embassy on Tuesday and was told that those of us who had residence here were not forced to go now, but to await a more calm period for departure which would give us time to put our affairs in order if we decided to go. Accordingly, I wrote a note giving notice of vacating my apartment, began to plan the disposal of furniture, etc. and in the midst of it (with an English friend visiting me), was called frantically by an American who wanted me to share the stateroom with her 80 year old mother sailing the next day. I couldn't do it. Then I called my "Homme d'affair" to ask about

giving notice for the vacating of the apartment, etc. and he told me that it had been announced over the radio that the Conference of Munich was to be held the next day. I didn't mail the letter of conge.

The prices charged by the Steamship Companies were outrageous in some instances. I know one man who paid \$300.00 for a third class passage. No money put down to hold reservations and afterwards cancelled will be returned, and even those who changed their sailings to a later date after the scare was over, have been charged a nice little sum to hold the reservation and to make the change. The Embassy ordered the evacuation of Americans who were travelling and had no particular reason to be here, but for the rest of us, it was left to our discretion.

Everybody—French and Americans and others—either fled to the country or was preparing to do so, for there were no gas masks to be had and it was generally believed that attacks would be made on the two large cities, Paris and London, at the first to break the morale of the people and then both Germany and Italy are reputed to have marvelous air forces. The German planes are supposed to carry 300 incendiary bombs each, so if only one or two planes succeeded in getting through the patrol, much damage could be done. The thought of having lovely Paris blown up and destroyed by the Germans almost made us tear our hair, but again I say that never do I expect to see such marvelous self-control and determination as the French exhibited. They were ready to do whatever their government asked of them and, as is usual with them in a great crisis, party differences were forgotten and the nation was united behind Daladier in his efforts to do the thing that seemed right. They were ready to fight, their mighty war organization functioned like a clock, but when the news of reprieve came, women wept for joy and it was marvelous to see those men all come back safe and sound to their homes and their daily employment. Of course all are not back, but aside from the reservists and regulars holding the Maginot Line, demobilization is fast going on. Many of the street busses were taken and instead of a bus every 3 or 5 minutes, we waited 15 or 20 minutes. They are coming back now.

I had been planning to come home this winter, but I much prefer to work out my plans rather than be forced to leave, as it seemed possible I would be last week. At this writing I have no dates set for the trip, but I would like to get over, perhaps after the New Year comes along.

This is only to tell you in part what we experienced during those trying days. Perhaps you read it all in the papers or heard it on the radio, but to those of us here who felt that any minute we might hear the whirr and noise of a plane and receive a bomb on our heads,

the sacrifice of the Czechs seems more necessary but not less fine than you view it from over there.

Hoping to see you some of these days, I am

Sincerely,

NELLIE M. SELBY, 1915.

Alumnae Meetings

The first Fall meeting of the Massachusetts General Hospital Nurses' Alumnae Association, was held October 17, 1938, in the Walcott House. It was well attended, many members of the 1913 class being present. After a short business meeting, the members adjourned to the living-room where Margaret G. Reilly (1916), Chairman of the program activities, introduced Miss Mary Stark who gave an interesting demonstration of the Modern Dance and discussed its value to health. Ice-cream, cake and coffee, were served.

On November 29, 1938, the Alumnae Meeting was held in the Walcott House Classroom. We were glad to see several members present from out of town, who are not always able to attend these meetings. There was a short business session at which the minutes were read by the newly appointed secretary, Mrs. James Monagle (Elizabeth Haworth, 1935). Miss Reilly introduced Dr. Kirtley Mather, President of the Boston Center of Adult Education, who gave a stimulating talk on Opportunities for Adult Education Today.

Engagements

Edna Mae Mack (1936) to Mr. Charles W. Gavitt of Pawtucket, Rhode Island.

Wanda Acorn (1931) to Mr. John Knight of Haverhill, Massachusetts. Plans are being made for a June wedding.

Elizabeth Ward Reed to Alexis Chapman Proctor of Cocoonut Grove, Florida, and Franklin, New Hampshire. Miss Reed will be remembered as the hospital librarian, and is at present librarian at the McLean Hospital, Waverley, Massachusetts.

Marriages

Jean Chapman (1935) to Dr. Richard Collins, Jr. on August 27, 1938, at Lincoln, Massachusetts.

Mildred M. Greene (1926) to Horatio W. Beal on April 16, 1938. Mr. and Mrs. Beal reside at 231 Park Drive, Boston, Massachusetts.

Evadine Cady (1924) to William H. O'Connor on June 19, 1938, in New York, New York. Mr. and Mrs. O'Connor are living at 61 Ridgewood Avenue, Holyoke, Massachusetts.

Jane Miller Martin (1937) to Dr. Luther R. Lewis on July 31, 1938, in Boston, Massachusetts.

Margaret Perham (1934) to Mr. Kenneth Kinnear on August 6, 1938. Mr. and Mrs. Kinnear are living at 3 Beech Street, Gardner, Massachusetts.

Joyce Poole (1928) to Mr. G. Fernand Mathieu on August 9, 1938, at Elkton, Maryland. Mr. and Mrs. Mathieu will reside in Orange, Massachusetts.

Helen Chamberlin (1926) to Colonel Gabriel Delenza-Kovalevsky on August 13, 1938, in Hanover, New Hampshire. At home, Cooperstown, New York, after September 1, 1938.

Caroline E. Edwards (1926) to Mr. Charles Sprague, Jr. on August 14, 1938, in Boston, Massachusetts. At home after September 15, 1938, 21 Francis Street, Newton Centre, Massachusetts.

Ruth Hastings Foster (1933) to Mr. Delbert Bouck, on August 17, 1938, in Saugus, Massachusetts.

Dorothy Marie Wood (1938) to Mr. Wendell E. Streeter on September 3, 1938, in Bernardston, Massachusetts.

Dorothy Laverne Smith (1936) to Mr. Russell Leslie Dicks on September 4, 1938, in Lancaster, Ohio.

Alice Mathilda Gustafson (1933) to Mr. Carl Wilton Benson on September 10, 1938, in Norwood, Massachusetts.

Margaret E. Matzek (1929) to Dr. Peter Aldrich Cole on September 10, 1938, at the Payson Park Congregational Church, Belmont, Massachusetts. Dr. and Mrs. Cole are living at the Marlyn Apartments, Cathedral Avenue at 39th Street, N. W., Washington, D. C.

Susan Parkman Robins (1937) to Mr. William Eaglan Groff of West Medford, Massachusetts, on September 15, 1938, at St. John's Church, Brookline, Massachusetts. Mr. and Mrs. Groff are now living at 44 Barnard Street, Hartford, Connecticut.

Ruth Belcher (1936) to Mr. George R. Larson on September 10, 1938, in Winthrop, Massachusetts. Mr. and Mrs. Larson are living at 274 Bowdoin Street, Winthrop, Massachusetts.

Charlotte L. Fyhr (1938) to Dr. James Lewis of Holland Patent, New York, on September 16, 1938, at Worcester, Massachusetts. Dr. and Mrs. Lewis will make their home in Westfield, Massachusetts.

Florence Perry (1937) to Mr. John Carey of Wallingford, Vermont, on October 8, 1938, in Ira, Vermont.

Bernice Kimball (1936) to Mr. Russell MacKay on October 22, 1938, at Contoocook, New Hampshire. Mr. and Mrs. MacKay are living at 15 Blake Street, Cambridge, Massachusetts.

Persis Theodora Towne (1938) to Mr. Donald Floyd King on October 22, 1938, in Athol, Massachusetts.

Phyllis Hamilton (1928) to Mr. Clyde C. Barrows of Boston, on Sunday, November 20, 1938, at the Mt. Vernon Street Church. After a short wedding trip, Mr. and Mrs. Barrows will make their home in Boston.

Marcelle Andrea Moreau (1936) to Dr. Douglas Aykroyd Sunderland of Asheville, North Carolina, in the rectory of St. Cecelia's Church, Boston, on November 22, 1938. Dr. and Mrs. Sunderland will reside in New York City.

Elizabeth C. Haworth (1935) to Mr. James J. Monagle of Brookline, Massachusetts, on November 27, 1938, in Boston, Massachusetts.

Births

To Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Morris (Jill Hoffman, 1935) a son, Wendall Richard, on March 19, 1938, at the Asheville Mission Hospital, Asheville, North Carolina. Mr. and Mrs. Morris and son are now living in Hartland, Maine, P.O. Box 122.

To Mr. and Mrs. William E. Allen (Mary Bursaw, 1932) a son, William Edward, Jr., on June 18, 1938.

To Dr. and Mrs. James J. Rowland (Dorothy M. Alton, 1924) a daughter, Dorothy Margaret, on June 25, 1938, at Highlands, New Jersey.

To Dr. and Mrs. Edward F. F. Copp (Agnes Louise Holmes, 1924) a son, Joseph Foster, on June 27, 1938, in LaJolla, California.

To Mr. and Mrs. Jean L. Drapeau (Claire J. St. Louis, 1929) a son, Michael Arthur, on July 23, 1938, at the House of Providence Hospital, Holyoke, Massachusetts.

To Mr. and Mrs. John Bete (Mary Morris, 1936) a son on August 28, 1938.

To Dr. and Mrs. Sam Talmadge (Alice E. Jarvi, 1932) a son, on September 4, 1938, at the Baker Memorial Hospital.

To Mr. and Mrs. William A. Lincoln (Ruth Drake, 1930) a son, William Bruce, on September 6, 1938, at the Stafford Springs Hospital, Stafford Springs, Connecticut. Mr. and Mrs. Lincoln live at 210 Main St., Suffield, Connecticut.

To Mr. and Mrs. Harold Carney (Helen Mulkern, 1934) a daughter, Mary Jane, on September 14, 1938.

To Mr. and Mrs. James Mullen (Mary Fay, 1931) a son, on September 15, 1938, at the Baker Memorial Hospital.

To Mr. and Mrs. John T. Johnson (Tyyne Kangas, 1932) a son, on September 21, 1938, at the Baker Memorial Hospital.

To Mr. and Mrs. John O'Connor (Thelma Budd Thomas, 1931) a daughter, on August 23, 1938, at the New England Hospital for Women and Children, Boston, Massachusetts.

To Mr. and Mrs. Henry Hutchings (Mary T. Martin, 1932) a daughter, on October 3, 1938, at the Boston Lying-In Hospital.

To Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Binding (Catherine Anselma Hines, 1935) a daughter, Marylu, on October 6, 1938, at the Lawrence Memorial Hospital, Medford, Massachusetts.

To Mr. and Mrs. John Corbett (Margaret Williams, 1930) a son, on October 8, 1938, at the Boston Lying-In Hospital.

To Mr. and Mrs. Thomas E. McLeod (Gertrude M. Fay, 1923) a son, on October 17, 1938, at the Baker Memorial Hospital.

To Mr. and Mrs. Edward McCarthy (Jessie Fox, 1930) a daughter, on November 2, 1938, at the Baker Memorial Hospital.

To Dr. and Mrs. Frank Christian d'Elseaux (Virginia Gay, 1931) a daughter, Virginia, on November 4, 1938, at the Richardson House of the Boston Lying-In Hospital.

In Memoriam

GERTRUDE M. GATES

Gertrude M. Gates, an active member in the Class of 1923, died at her home in Malden, Massachusetts, on September 12, 1938.

In business seven years previous to her entrance into the Training School, Miss Gates came as a mature student to assume more than her share of school and hospital responsibilities. That her fellow students appreciated her interest and ability was shown by her election to the presidency of the Student Government Association.

After graduation, she held positions of general supervisor at the Holyoke Hospital for two years, practical instructor for one term, and assistant superintendent of nurses for three years at the Bridgeport Hospital. In 1930, she returned to her home school where she was appointed assistant superintendent of nurses at the Baker Memorial Hospital. This position she held until shortly before her death.

Miss Gates' accomplishments can not be measured by the titles of the positions she held. Her accomplishments should be measured, rather, by the contribution she made to the guidance and stimulation of the student nurses and graduate staff during her eight years in the Baker Memorial Hospital, and by the standards of nursing she helped to set and to maintain. Her understanding of the private patient was appreciated by doctors and patients alike.

A quiet steadiness, a sincere interest in nursing and nurses, a firm loyalty, were all combined in rare admixture with a never failing sense of humor. Miss Gates will long be remembered by her friends and missed by those who knew her at M. G. H.

KATHERINE B. McLEOD

Katherine B. McLeod (1898) died on August 9, 1938, at her home, 470 Harvard Street, Brookline, Massachusetts. Miss McLeod had been a social worker in Boston for many years.

A Public Health Nurse Appointed to the Supervisory Staff

Miss Mary A. Maher, a graduate of the Rhode Island Hospital and having a certificate in Public Health from Simmons College School of Nursing, has been appointed to the School staff as Instructor in Public Health Nursing. Miss Maher assumed her duties on August 1, 1938. Her program is now well organized and already showing results. Because the number of students who may have an affiliation with the Community Health Association is limited, an effort is being made to bring into the hospital, some of the aspects that confront the individual in his home when sickness is added to his already heavy load. In order to impress the student with the hospital's role, and too, the need of working with other agencies, emphasis is placed on the role of cooperating agencies in the community which aid in making a plan for the patient after hospitalization. The content of the course in Public Health Nursing will provide a foundation for the understanding of the problems in public health and will acquaint the student with the role of federal, state and local government in these conditions.

Conferences are being held for a half hour each day in the Out Patient Department, during which time diseases of the ambulatory patient are discussed, and the teaching opportunities in the clinic situation pointed out. Case studies are written stressing the economic effect of the disease upon the patient and his family. Here again the opportunities for teaching are emphasized. Conferences held on the wards daily, are beginning to place more emphasis on the patient's care after discharge. Arrangements have been made with the Community Health Association whereby each head nurse will spend a day in the field with a staff nurse.

Graduation

The graduation exercises will be held as usual, early in February; Dr. Frederick Washburn is to give the address. Alumnae will receive further notice of the exercises with the announcement of the Alumnae meeting in January.

To all our friends and classmates who have been ill during the year, may we extend our greetings and good wishes in the hope that they will soon be on the road to recovery and good health.

News

The George Robert White Memorial Building is fast taking shape. On November 10, 1938, the steel workers reached the fifteenth story, and unfurled "Old Glory" from one of the highest beams. It has been most instructive and interesting to patients, doctors, nurses, visitors, and employees to watch the progress and growth made each day on this new addition. Before zero weather sets in, the builders hope to have it enclosed with gray brick.

Many will remember the "boiler-room" at the M. G. H. with its eight horizontal boilers. On October 1, 1938, it ceased to operate, and all steam used throughout the hospital and connecting buildings, is now purchased from the Edison Electric Company. It is supplied through main pipe lines, beneath the city streets, from the main plant on Kneeland Street or the Minot Street branch, near the North Station.

At the American Hospital Association's Convention, in Dallas, Texas, last September, Miss Edith Marden (1899), Superintendent of the Waltham Hospital, Waltham, Massachusetts; and Miss Josephine E. Thurlow (1909), Superintendent of the North Adams Hospital, North Adams, Massachusetts, were honored by being made Fellows in the American College of Hospital Administrators.

Miss Violet L. Kirke (1905) has resigned as Superintendent of the Anna Jaques Hospital in Newburyport, Massachusetts, after twenty years of continuous service. She was, at first, Assistant to Jessie E. Grant (1906) when the latter went overseas during the World War.

The Training School Office is happy to report that it now has a "hostess" four days a week; Miss Gertrude Stevens and Mrs. Lawrence W. Morgan are each with us for two mornings. They are members of the group of Red Cross hospital aides who have worked in the hospital for two years, and so are familiar with the many wards and divisions, as well as with the nursing personnel. When they are not busy taking messages, receiving telegrams or answering questions, these hostesses have helped greatly in copying records, keeping files up to date etc. As a result, each member of the office force is interrupted only when necessary, and is enabled to work in a more quiet and peaceful atmosphere.

Sarah E. Dempster, Class of 1899, formerly Mrs. H. H. Pruyn, now Mrs. David Meginnity, was a recent visitor. Mrs. Meginnity now lives at the Wardwell Apartments, Detroit, Michigan.

Evelyn Schoen (1926) has been appointed to the staff of the Children's Bureau; she is one of the Consultants in Public Health Nursing, working in New York City, the greater part of the time at the New York Hospital.

Anna M. Taylor (1928) Supervisor of Ward Instruction, is now well-started on her program. This is planned for the staff (general duty) nurses in the three divisions of the hospital; there are about two hundred in this group. The program for the year was determined by the results of a questionnaire circularized through the majority of the group. Interest tends to center around the newer procedures, the newer disease conditions with the nursing care and laboratory tests which aid in curing these conditions. Meetings are held once every two weeks and are given in three sections. This enables nurses from departments staffed entirely by graduates, to attend the meetings without too great a hardship to the administration of the floors. Besides conducting these meetings, Miss Taylor is assisting with the ward teaching program, whose object is to improve the quality and in some instances, the amount of ward teaching. The graduates have shown a good deal of enthusiasm for this whole program.

Helen Burgess (1928) is Director of the Bishop Johnson College of Nursing at the Good Samaritan Hospital, 1212 Shatto Street, Los Angeles, California.

Mary Holmes (1935) is employed in Dr. Winn's Sanatorium, Porterville, California. Dr. and Mrs. Winn (Astrid Kristine Martenson, 1935) are parents of a fine boy.

Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Larrecq (Alice Bogdan, 1925) are living at 29 Beach Bluff Ave., Beach Bluff, Massachusetts.

Joyce Poole (1928) took the six weeks' course for Instructors of the Red Cross in Home Hygiene and Care of the Sick, at the University of Pennsylvania in Philadelphia, last summer.

Dr. and Mrs. Fuller Albright (M. G. H.) are receiving congratulations on a son born at the Baker Memorial Hospital on September 8, 1938.

Dr. and Mrs. Frederic A. Washburn have recently returned from Detroit, Michigan, where they visited their new granddaughter Anne, born on September 10, 1938, to Dr. and Mrs. Stewart Hamilton (Amy Washburn).

Marjorie Florence Goldthwait (1936) is Science Instructor at the Altoona Hospital, Altoona, Pennsylvania.

Anna M. Viden (1918) is Executive Assistant in the admitting office of the Palmer Memorial of the New England Deaconess Hospital, Boston, Massachusetts.

Hazel Halladay (1930) spent her vacation in Havana, Cuba.

Mrs. Everett Trask (Sally D. Rowter, 1918) and Jeanette F. Thomas (1921) spent two weeks of October at the Elbow Beach Hotel, Paget, Bermuda.

Sadie A. Metzler (1917) took a twenty-four days' cruise on a freighter last Summer, visiting the West Indies and Canal Zone. Miss Metzler is Anesthetist at the Baker Memorial Hospital, Boston, Massachusetts.

Dorothy Leavitt (1925) is taking the one year course in Public Health Nursing at Simmons College, Boston, Massachusetts.

Carrie M. Chick (1932) is head nurse of the Medical Ward of the Faulkner Hospital, Jamaica Plain, Massachusetts.

Ruth J. Adie (1919) resigned in September as superintendent of the Chenango Memorial Hospital, Norwich, New York.

Dorothy Frances Butler (1935) is Operating-room head nurse in the Englewood Hospital, Englewood, New Jersey.

Dr. Lincoln Davis has been appointed a trustee of the Massachusetts General Hospital.

Miss Carrie M. Hall (1904) who resigned in 1937 as Principal of the School of Nursing and Superintendent of Nurses of the Peter Bent Brigham Hospital, Boston, Massachusetts, is at present actively engaged in organizing a registry or bureau of information concerning nursing homes which offer facilities for convalescent care. This is to be done under the auspices of "The Community Hospital Council" of Boston.

Several M. G. H. nurses visited the studio of Messrs. Reynolds, Francis, and Rhonstock, makers of stained glass windows at 1 Washington Street, Boston, Massachusetts, on October 3, 4 and 5, 1938, to view the Florence Nightingale Memorial window, to be placed in the National Cathedral, Washington, D. C. The theme for this window was "Glorification of Nursing", and the subjects of the medallions were chosen from incidents in her life, "Childhood", "Education", "Hospitals", "The Crimea", "St. Thomas's London", and "Notes on Nursing".

Ruth Schilling (1934) is Assistant Superintendent of Nurses at Montclair Community Hospital, Montclair, New Jersey.

Helen French (1928) is now supervisor of the medical wards. Leonille Dufault (1936) follows her as head nurse on Ward 26.

On December 5, 1938, Filomena Di Cicco (1922) began duties as part-time Assistant to Dr. Albert E. Small of the Melrose Public Health Association in the City Hall at Melrose, Massachusetts. Miss Di Cicco will live at 267 West Emerson St., Melrose.

Many M. G. H. nurses will be interested in the marriage of Dr. Hugh Cabot (M. G. H., 1899) to Mrs. Elizabeth Cole Amory in Hingham, Massachusetts on October 7, 1938. Dr. Cabot is one of the nation's leading surgeons, having served as surgeon at the Mayo Clinic since 1930. Right up to October 7, 1938, Dr. Cabot was expected to be present at the 20th reunion of the Harvard Unit (B. E. F.) of which he was a former Commanding Officer.

As usual the Misses Rachel and Christena Wieck, were the gracious and painstaking hostesses on Thanksgiving Day who saw to it that a good time was enjoyed by those who came and partook of the bounteous feast in the midst of cheerful and homelike surroundings at the Nurses' Vacation House, Fairview, Rowley, Massachusetts.

Miss Evelyn Schoen (1926) and Miss Anita M. Jones (1921) made flying visits to Boston the latter part of November.

Miss Mary L. McKenna (1896) has arrived from Dartmouth, Nova Scotia, and is visiting friends in Boston.

Minnie S. Hollingsworth (1897) of 223 Mt. Auburn Street, Watertown, Massachusetts, has been appointed a Representative for the American Journal of Nursing for District No. 5. If any nurse wishes to renew her subscription or subscribe, Miss Hollingsworth will be glad to take the subscription for \$3.00 a year, or if two subscribe together, \$2.50 each.

Claire Favreau (1925) has been appointed as Inspector of Schools of Nursing under the direction of the New York Board of Nurse Examiners. She began her work in September.

Ethel Goss (1914) is one of the two night supervisors of the Long Island College Hospital, Brooklyn, New York.

Sallie Whitcomb (1937) is night supervisor at Stillman Infirmary of Harvard University, Cambridge, Massachusetts.

Muriel L. Wight (1934) is taking a pre-medical course at the College of Arts and Sciences at the University of Maine.

Leslie Thorud (1938) is Instructor of Nursing Arts at the Cambridge Hospital, Cambridge, Massachusetts.

Charlotte Pitman (1915) is Educational Director of the Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania Visiting Nurses Association.

Katherine Dormin (1937) has returned to Syracuse University, Syracuse, New York, to work for her degree. She had attended the University before starting her training.

Helen Curran (1938) is Instructor in Sciences at the Beverly Hospital, Beverly, Massachusetts.

Jane M. Martin Lewis (1937) is in the operating room at Beth Israel Hospital in Boston, Massachusetts. Dr. and Mrs. Lewis are living at 93 Binney Street, Boston.

Anna Shaheen (1922) attended the summer session at Boston University, returning after her vacation to her position as Assistant Principal and Educational Director at the Worcester Memorial Hospital, Worcester, Massachusetts.

Cards for the Gray Book have been returned, undelivered, from the following alumnae. Can anyone send to the Training School Office, the correct addresses? We have already received new addresses from several graduates and greatly appreciate the help which they have given. We even had a list of the M. G. H. graduates in Honolulu; twelve of them. New addresses needed for:

Chandler, Mrs. Charles (Sarah Cowling, 1878)
Feuerstein, Mrs. Oscar (Amy Cooke, 1891)
Sloane, Jennie (1895)
Morse, Mrs. Frank W. (Amorilla Spaulding, 1898)
Rourke, Mrs. James E. (Elizabeth H. Campbell, 1900)
Cassels, Mary M. (1901)
Keast, Mrs. Albert E. (Carrie E. Goetz, 1901)
Chute, Ethel E. (1906)
Layland, Mrs. John M. (Florence F. Pickup, 1908)
Aeschlimann, Helene (1918)
Beaudry, Blanche V. (1918)
Smith, Frances M. (1918)
Harry, Margaret L. (1919)
Magruder, Mrs. Nathaniel (Helen J. MacKenzie, 1919)

Clark, Annie Lawson (1920)
 Burgess, Mrs. J. A. (Agnes Armstrong, 1921)
 Johnston, Mrs. W. J. (Luella Cheyne, 1921)
 Bentley, Mrs. Charles (Martha Soch, 1926)
 Cook, Beulah (1927)
 Holloway, Clarice G. (1928)
 Dodge, Abbie T. (1928)

Where to Write

1. Send letters for publication of marriages, births, engagements, news, queries as to addresses, etc., to Dorothy M. Tarbox, Massachusetts Eye and Ear Infirmary, Boston, Massachusetts.
 2. Change of address to Walborg L. Peterson, Massachusetts Eye and Ear Infirmary, Boston, Massachusetts.
 3. Annual dues with change of address, to Anne Lyons Twomey, Massachusetts General Hospital, Boston, Massachusetts.
 4. Send obituary notices to Elizabeth Hatlow, 1111 Boylston Street, Boston, Massachusetts.
 5. Send Sick Relief dues to Elizabeth Hatlow, 1111 Boylston Street, Boston, Massachusetts.
 6. Send donations for the Endowment Fund to Miss Sally Johnson, Massachusetts General Hospital, Boston, Massachusetts.
 7. For the Loan Fund to Miss Katherine Pierce, John Hancock Mutual Life Insurance Co., Boston, Massachusetts.
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Our Exchange List

The Johns Hopkins Nurses' Alumnae Magazine, Baltimore, Maryland.
 Mount Sinai Alumnae News, New York City.
 The Alumnae Journal—Peter Bent Brigham Hospital, Boston, Massachusetts.
 St. Luke's Alumnae Bulletin, New York City.
 The A. N. A. Bulletin, New York City.
 The Quarterly Magazine of the Alumnae Association, Presbyterian Hospital School of Nursing, New York City.
 The Newton Nurses' Alumnae Bulletin, Newton, Massachusetts.
 The Bulletin of the Alumnae Association of the Philadelphia General Hospital Training School for Nurses.
 The Quarterly of the Alumnae Association of the Toronto General Hospital School for Nurses.
 The Alumnae Association of the Frances Payne Bolton School of Nursing of Western Reserve University.

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